**“You Know What They Say…”** *\*\*Series Graphic\*\**

**Part 1**: …Murder

**Part 2**: …Adultery

**Part 3:** …Divorce

**Part 4:** …Oaths

**Part 5:** …Hostility

Murder/Adultery/Divorce—**Treat everyone with dignity**.

Oaths/Retaliation/Enemies—**Unity despite conflict**.

**Responding to Enemies**

(Matthew 5:43-48)

“You have heard that is was said, ‘Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? And if you greet only your own people, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.”

Jesus is calling his followers to an **undiscriminating love**.

1. We must **do well** to them.

(Luke 6:27)

“But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, **do good to those who hate you**,”

1. We must **speak well** of them.

(Luke 6:28)

“**bless** those who curse you…”

1. We must **pray** for them.

(Luke 6:28)

“…**pray** for those who mistreat you.”

**Reasons to love your enemies**:

1. There is a reward.
2. To be like our heavenly Father.