

Fast 2021 Stronger

Topic	Stronger ... For my Enemies
Scripture	<p>Luke 6:27-36 “But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either. Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them. “If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.</p>
Definition	<p>Love for Enemies is defined by Loving those that are difficult to love, loving those that DO NOT love you. Jesus describes this love as completely selfless, expecting nothing from those who you would consider your enemy, but loving with the same love that God has for us.</p>
Prayer Tools	<p>Pray that God would highlight the individuals in your life who you would consider your enemy or that see you as their enemy. 2. Pray that Jesus fill you to overflowing with His love that overcame death and the cross and cannot be overcome by anyone or anything. 3. Pray that the Holy Spirit would open your eyes to see your enemies the way God sees them, and that he would give you the grace to pray for them and express your love for them in groundbreaking ways.</p>
Leader’s Prayer	5-6 minutes max
Closing Collective Prayer	<p>Let us pray and confess this over our lives Romans 8:38-39 38 For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons,[a] neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, 39 neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Today I profess that the same love that conquered the grave, defeated death, overcame the cross, and that forgives my sin, lives in me in Godly abundance. I recognize that the Lord Jesus died for me when I was His enemy, while I was a sinner undeserving, and His love for me reminds me that I am called to Love my enemies. Jesus, I ask that you would change my unwillingness to love my enemies, that you would convict my heart to your truth, and that you would use me to love the unloveable. Holy Spirit empower me to forgive, to love, and to be more than a conquerer, to be an ambassador of your kingdom.</p>