



**June 30, 2019 | Part 9b: How To Love Our Neighbors
When They Don't Understand Our Values**

Matthew 5:44 But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, . . .

Mark 12:30-31 "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' ³¹ The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these."

The One Thing:

Influence Can Be Spelled _____,

But Is Better Spelled _____.

Why Grace Is A Better Way:

1. Recognize That My Nature Wants a Way Out When God's Way is Often a Way Through.
2. Begin to See Obstacles as Opportunities By Looking for the Hand of God at Work.
3. Help the Church Become a Refuge For Our Neighbors, Not a Refuge From Our Neighbors.

4. Share Our Values by Focusing Our _____ on the _____.

Jeremiah 29:7-14 “Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper.”⁸ Yes, this is what the Lord Almighty, the God of Israel, says: “Do not let the prophets and diviners among you deceive you. Do not listen to the dreams you encourage them to have.”⁹ They are prophesying lies to you in my name. I have not sent them,” declares the Lord.¹⁰ This is what the Lord says: “When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will come to you and fulfill my good promise to bring you back to this place.”¹¹ For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”¹² Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you.¹³ You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.”¹⁴ I will be found by you,” declares the Lord, “and will bring you back from captivity. I will gather you from all the nations and places where I have banished you,” declares the Lord, “and will bring you back to the place from which I carried you into exile.”

5. Remember Our _____ Field Starts at _____.

1 Corinthians 11:23-26 For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread,²⁴ and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.”²⁵ In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”²⁶ For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.