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*To make disciples of
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Loving my “enemies”

In polarized times, when people view huge concepts such as justice, government policy and care for neighbors differently, how do we follow Jesus’ command to love our enemies? I prefer the word *opponents*, but our Lord’s instructions still stand.

In the Bible, “love” doesn’t mean liking someone; it means caring for them, treating them kindly. I find *The Message* paraphrase of Luke 6:27-36 helpful: “Let them bring out the best in you, not the worst,” Jesus says about one’s enemies. So, when I contact government leaders to express my opinions, I address them with respect, whether I agree with them or not. When I encounter a neighbor whose views oppose mine, I ask myself what I would want them to do for me, whether help with an errand or be friendly. Then, as *The Message* puts it, I “grab the initiative and do it for *them*.”

And this, which might be the hardest: Amid tough times, Jesus says, “Respond with the supple moves of prayer.” It’s human nature to pray that God change our enemies’ or opponents’ minds. But it’s more Christlike to pray for their health, their families and whatever *God* desires for them, not what *I* want. Can I do this? With God’s help, yes.

—Heidi Hyland Mann



The Lord’s Pantry
Peach 100

Canned peaches: any
brand, size or
packaging

True Hope 100

Paper towels, toilet
paper, shampoo,
children’s shampoo,
bath soap, toothpaste,
toothbrush, comb,
hairbrush...more

HIT THE ROAD

A young boy had just gotten his driving permit. He asked his father if they could discuss the use of the car. His father said, "I'll make a deal with you. You bring your grades up, study your Bible, and get your hair cut and we'll talk about it."

After about a month the boy came back and again asked his father if they could discuss use of the car. His father said, "Son, I've been real proud of you. You have brought your grades up, you've studied your Bible diligently, but you didn't get your hair cut!"

The young man replied, "I've been thinking about that. You know, Samson had long hair, Moses had long hair, why even Jesus had long hair"

To which his father replied, "Yes, and they WALKED everywhere they went!"



God doesn't change

The fact that God is absolutely consistent in his character is good news, but only because of the quality of his character. Sometimes consistency can be bad. I know plenty of dishonest, slothful, deceitful people. In their situations, consistency is a huge problem.

But when we're talking about God — his power, his presence, his knowledge, his commitments, his graciousness, his generosity and the rest — it becomes clear that any change would have to be for the worse. If God changed, that would mean he would have to be less gracious. He would have to be less faithful. He would have to speak to me less and guide me less, and I don't want that, do you?

...The same God who empowered Samson, Gideon and Paul seeks to empower my life and your life, because God hasn't changed! —Bill Hybels in *The God You're Looking For*



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CHILDREN & WORSHIP

Children are welcome in the worship
service! We do provide a nursery, located in
the education wing near the restrooms.



This Sunday:

10:30am ~ Worship & Live
streaming worship

Monday: ~ Office Closed ~

Tuesday:

5:30pm ~ Yoga

Wednesday:

Thursday: ~ Office Closed ~

8:30-3:00 ~ F.I.T.

Friday: ~ Office Closed ~

Saturday:

4-7:00pm ~ Private Rental ~
Schleter

Next Sunday: Memorial Day
Weekend

10:30am ~ Worship & Live
streaming worship

Full calendar of events:
www.fbfirst.org

Welcome to Worship

Rev. Randy Anderson

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please add your name to the attendance register located in
your pew and pass to the next person until reaches everyone in
your row.

WORSHIP THROUGH GATHERING

*THE LIGHT OF GOD IS PRESENT WITH US

*HYMN #101 *From All That Dwell Below the Skies*

*AFFIRMATION FROM ROMANS

HYMN #887

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?
Shall tribulation or distress, or persecution or
famine, Or nakedness or peril or sword?

No!

***In all things we are more than conquerors
through the One who loved us.***

We are sure that neither

death nor life,

nor angels, nor principalities

nor things present, nor thing to come,

nor powers, nor height, nor depth,

nor anything else in all creation,

***will be able to separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord.***

Thanks be to God! Amen.

WORSHIP THROUGH PRAYING

PRAYER HYMN #2108

O How He Loves You and Me

SHARING PRAYER CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS
PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

***Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in
heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our
trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And
lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine
is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen***

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

THE OFFERING: The Gathering of the Gifts

*Presentation of Gifts with Offertory Response: **Hymn #95**

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

WORSHIP THROUGH HEARING

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SCRIPTURE

Judges 13:2-5, NLT

² In those days a man named Manoah from the tribe of Dan lived in the town of Zorah. His wife was unable to become pregnant, and they had no children. ³ The angel of the LORD appeared to Manoah's wife and said, "Even though you have been unable to have children, you will soon become pregnant and give birth to a son. ⁴ So be careful; you must not drink wine or any other alcoholic drink nor eat any forbidden food. ⁵ You will become pregnant and give birth to a son, and his hair must never be cut. For he will be dedicated to God as a Nazirite from birth. He will begin to rescue Israel from the Philistines.

***RESPONSE: The Word of God, for the people of God.
Thanks be to God!***

MESSAGE

"Sampson: Strength, Weakness, Redemption"

WORSHIP THROUGH RESPONDING

*HYMN # 593

Here I Am, Lord

*BLESSING

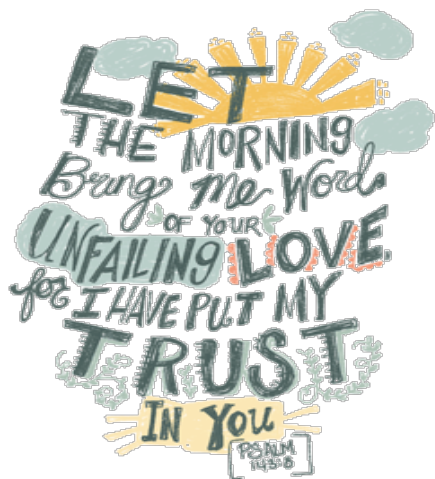
***The Lord will
watch over
your coming & going
both now & forevermore.***

Psalm 121:8, NIV

PRAYER list

*Prayer Requests —last names are
printed for individuals requesting
prayer for themselves or with
explicitly given permission.*

***Jane Marginet, June
Regenhold, Mark Fear,
Deanna Wilson, Terri &
Steve Jarboe, Norman
Bullock, Liz & Alan
Creamer, Frances Burns,
Paul & Jeanie Cardinal,
John & Beverly Boss,
Zach Anderson, Morgan
Whitehead, Roger Jones,
Pastor Randy & Julie,
Carolyn Jones***



Diana Knapp ~ 19th

Mike Russler ~ 20th

***Cassandra Hargiss ~
22nd***

Don Steinmetz ~ 23rd