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Loving Enemies: How to do the Impossible:

- Why should I love my enemies?

5:43 – Because it _____ the difference Jesus has made in your life in a culture which says you should either hate enemies or throw them on the trash heap of ruined relationships.

5:44 – Because Jesus _____ it.

5:45 – Because it _____ God's gracious and loving nature.

5:46-47 – Because loving only my friends reveals I'm still a _____ to self-worship.

- How should I love my enemies?

5:44 Do _____ is in your power to point them to Christ.

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5:44 – Because Jesus **commands** it.

5:45 – Because it **reflects** God's gracious and loving nature.

5:46-47 – Because loving only my friends reveals I'm still a **slave** to self-worship.

- How should I love my enemies?

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5:44 **Passionately** pray for them to come to repentance.