



ROOTED & RADICAL

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ROOTED WIDE: FAITH WITHOUT LIMITS

matthew 5:17-48

“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you.” Matthew 5:43-44 (NKJV)

1. When life gets hard, faith gets ____ and ____—challenging you to know God fully, not just follow the rules of religion. (vv. 17-20)
2. "You've heard it said...",” but Jesus says: Go all ____ and be _____.
(vv. 17, 21, 27, 31, 33, 38, 43)
3. Loving friends is _____. Loving enemies is ____—but doing so reveals faith in the power of the Gospel and God’s love. (vv.43-47)
4. Loving your enemies and offering forgiveness isn’t _____—it’s _____ against a cancel culture of hate and division.
5. Jesus calls us to rise above being “_____.” He calls us to mature in Him and extend mercy, grace, and love to others. (v.48)

Application:

- a. ____ _____: Today begins week 3 of the Foundations plan, dig in.
- b. ____ _____: Pick a hard relationship in your life. Pray for that person daily, asking God to help you see them the way He does.
- c. ____ _____: Do one radical act of love for them. It can be small or big, but all steps of faith proclaim the wide and limitless love of God.

*“Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect.”
Matthew 5:48 (NKJV)*