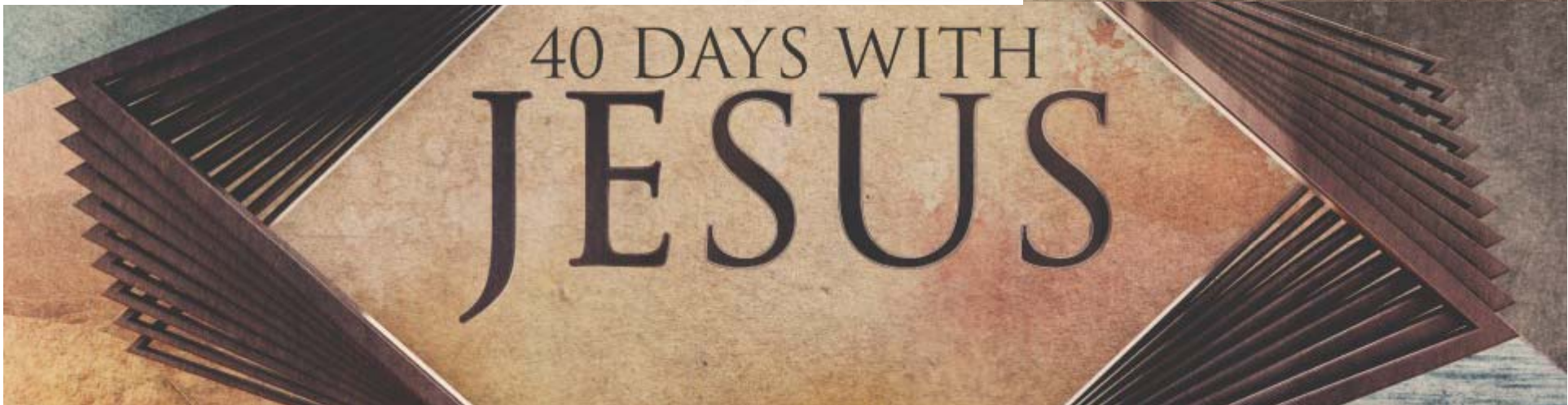




# Lent

“He fasted for forty days  
*and* forty nights...”



*You're called to follow Him!*

1. Tested in the Wilderness, *First Sunday in Lent, March 10*
2. "Be Merciful" - Sermon in the Plain, *Second Sunday in Lent, March 17*
3. Jesus Restores a Demon-Possessed, *Third Sunday in Lent, March 24*
4. *True Experts in the Law, Fourth Sunday in Lent, March 31*
5. Banquet with the Lost, *Fifth Sunday in Lent, April 7*
6. *Jesus' Entry to Jerusalem as King, Passion/Palm Sunday, April 14*
7. *Victorious Joy of the Galilean Apostles, Easter Sunday, April 21*

**Galilean Journey of the Cross**  
Sermon Series during Lent



*Luke 6:17-36*

## *A Great Crowd of "His Disciples"*

*Luke 6:17-19*

He went down with them and stood on **a level place**. **A large crowd of his disciples** was there and **a great number of people** from all over **Judea**, from **Jerusalem**, and from the coast of **Tyre** and **Sidon**,<sup>18</sup> who had come **to hear him** and **to be healed** of their diseases. **Those troubled by evil spirits** were cured,<sup>19</sup> and the people all tried to touch him, because **power** was coming from him and **healing** them all.

**Luke 6:17-19**



**For Luke everyone is His disciple!**

*Luke 6:17-36*

*Blessed Are You, NOW*

*Luke 6:20-26*

“And He lifted up His eyes on His disciples, and said:

“**Blessed** are you who are **poor**, for yours is the kingdom of God.

“**Blessed** are you who are **hungry now**, for you shall be satisfied.

“**Blessed** are you who **weep now**, for you shall laugh.

“But **woe** to you who are **rich**, for you have received your consolation.

“**Woe** to you who are **full now**, for you shall be hungry.

“**Woe** to you who **laugh now**, for you shall mourn and weep.

*luke 17:21* **THE  
KINGDOM  
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NOR WILL THEY SAY,  
'LOOK, HERE IT IS!' OR 'THERE IT IS!' FOR, IN FACT, THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS AMONG YOU”

*“The Realized Reign of God w. Jesus”*

*Luke 6:17-36*

*Disciples, live a Life better than Sinners*

*Luke 6:27-36*

*But if you love those who love you,  
what credit 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 credit is that to you?*

**For even sinners do the same.**

*And if you lend to those from  
whom you hope to receive back,  
what credit is that to you?*

**For even sinners lend to sinners  
to receive as much back.**

TRAVELING  
WITH JESUS:  
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JOURNEY



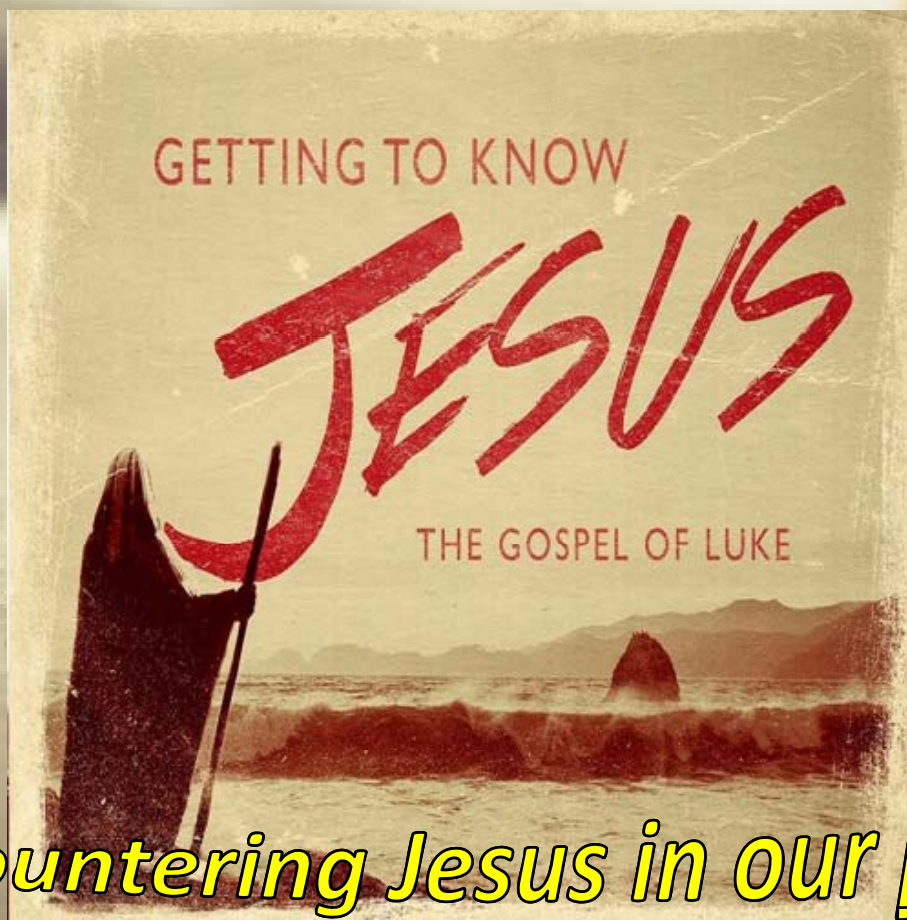


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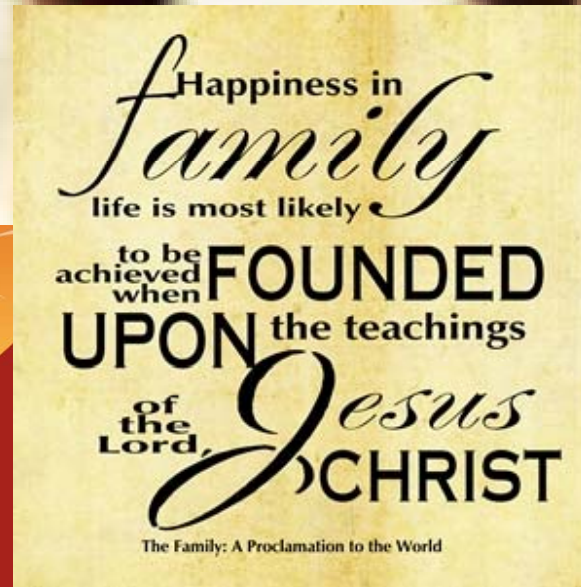


*Encountering Jesus in our present reality!*

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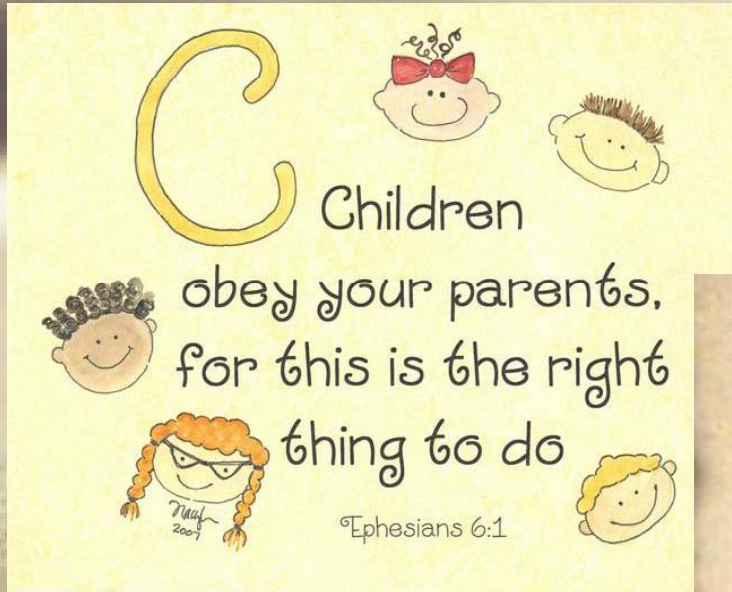


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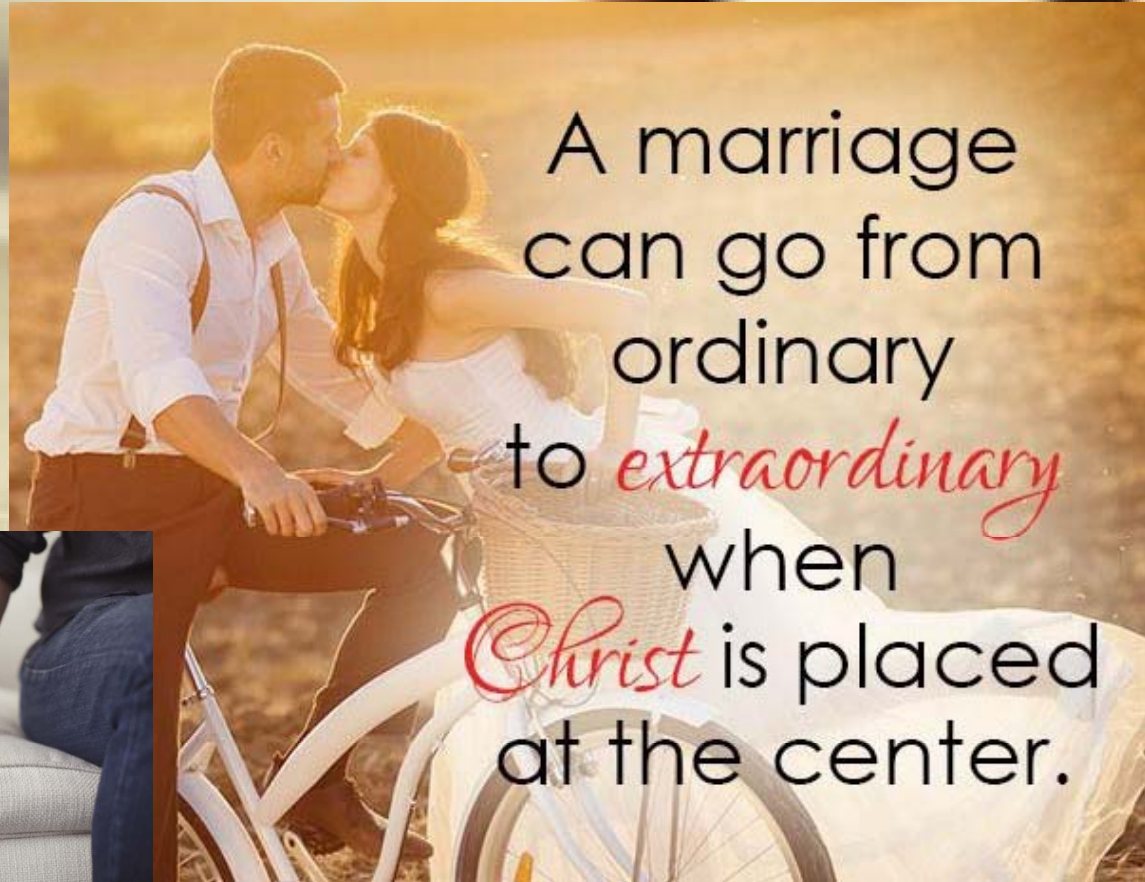
**Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord. (Ephesians 6:4)**

**Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged. (Colossians 3:21 ESV)**

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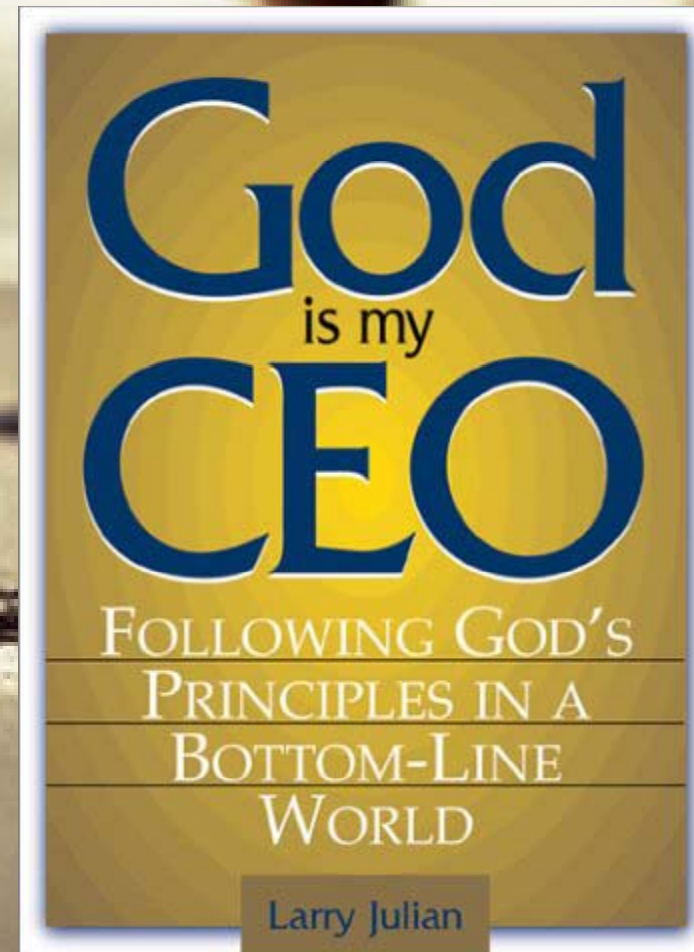
A marriage can go from ordinary to *extraordinary* when *Christ* is placed at the center.

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# 1. *Jesus came and lived among a large crowd of his disciples.*

- *Develop their God-given talents and skills*
- *Gain ideas and encouragement through real-life stories of successful business leaders who have faced the same challenges*
- *Learn to apply a practical daily plan to overcome the toughest business issues*
- *Focus their energies and thoughts on moving forward with a sense of purpose*



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**WORK FOR GOD..**  
the retirement benefits  
are great.

***Follow Him even at retirement!***

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*2. Make people blessed.*

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Your  
**Blessed**  
Life Now



*Whether you have or have-not*

*the Blessures*  
***You are blessed!***

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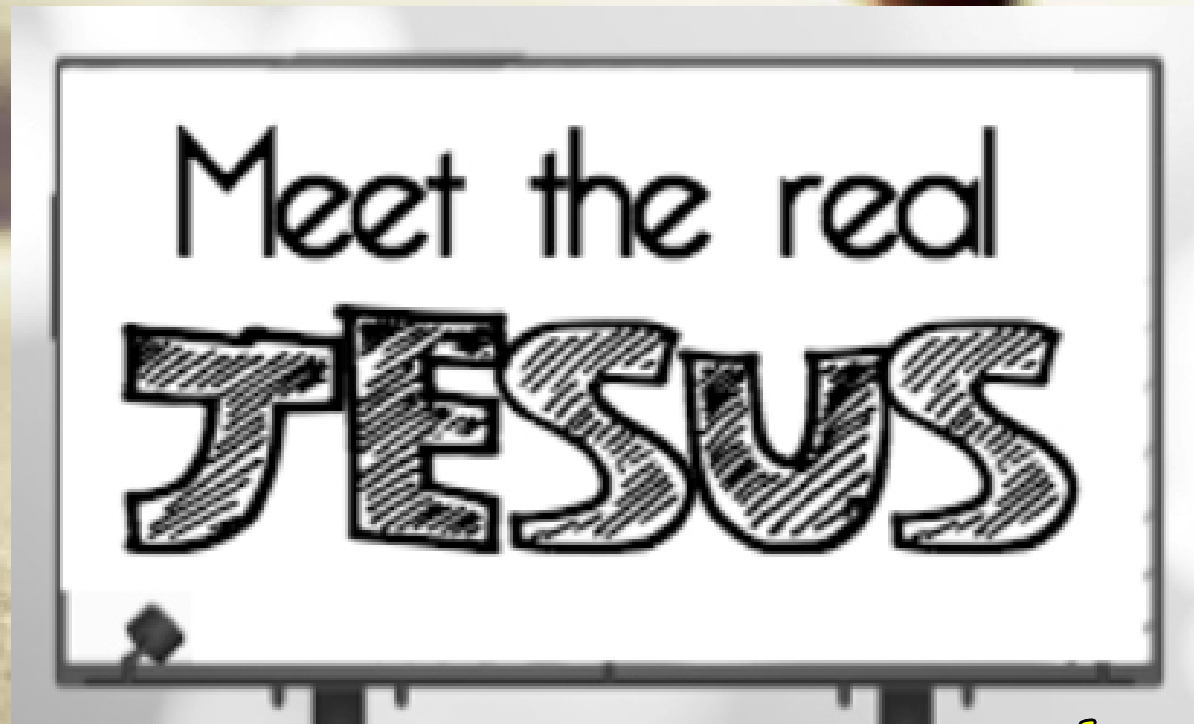
More.  
Like Jesus  
*Living Beyond Ourselves*

***Go, therefore, do and be...***

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*In many mission fields ...*

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## 2. Make people blessed.



*Crossover Church, Tampa, FL*

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*Part 2. Be Merciful as Your Father is Merciful*

3. Give to everyone who asks you.

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***<sup>27</sup> "But I say to you who hear,  
love your enemies,  
do good to those who hate you,  
<sup>28</sup> bless those who curse you,  
pray for those who mistreat you.***

***<sup>29</sup> "Whoever hits you on the cheek, offer  
him the other also; and  
whoever takes away your coat,  
do not withhold your shirt from him either.***

***<sup>30</sup> "Give to everyone who asks of you, and  
whoever takes away what is yours,  
do not demand it back.***

***Luke 6:27-30***

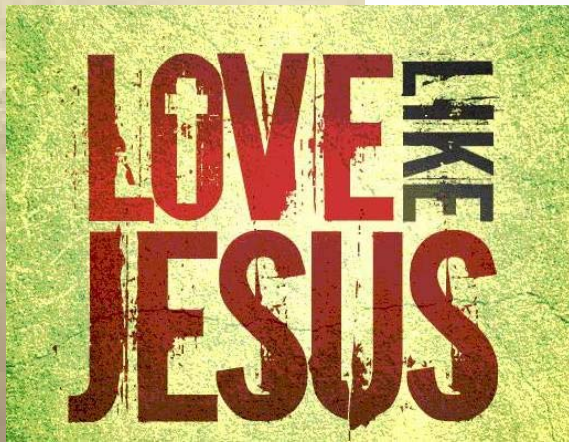
The God who bids  
you 'come' is  
Just like Jesus;  
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All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

**2 Timothy 3:16-17**

*Seek unity in "Core Beliefs." Do not hate other fellows!*

*Celebrate Jesus at work Now!*



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**Don't forget God's redemption.  
As new disciples make disciples!**

#### REFUGEES ARE ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTORS

Refugees aged 18-45 pay an estimated **\$21,000** more in taxes than they receive in benefits over 20 years



SOURCE: MERRILL L. PEARL AND SOCIETY/STRATEGY FIRST. "THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL IMPACT OF REFUGEES IN THE UNITED STATES: CONSIDER THE ACT." 2016. Working Paper 21288. National Bureau of Economic Research.

#### REFUGEES ARE ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTORS

IN 2015

**OVER 181,000** refugee entrepreneurs generated **\$4.6 BILLION**



SOURCE: NEW AMERICAN ECONOMY. "FROM STRUGGLE TO RESILIENCE: THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF REFUGEES IN AMERICA."

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### 3. Give to everyone who asks you.

**“3. Talk to God on your way to class!”**

*...any communication at all with God.*

*Tell him what you hated about your day,  
what you loved,  
how annoying that one person is, ...*

*From “7 Tangible Ways to Make Time for  
Jesus in Your Busy College Life”*

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4. Be sons and daughters of the Most High.

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#### 4. Be sons and daughters of the Most High.

But **love** your enemies, do **good** to them,  
and lend to them **without** expecting  
to get anything back.  
Then your reward will be **great**,  
and you will be sons  
of the **Most High**, because he is kind  
to the ungrateful and wicked.

Luke 6:35

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