

# OUR LENTEN Journey

***Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. "Never, Lord!" he said. "This shall never happen to you!" Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns."***

**Matthew 16:22-24 (NIV)**

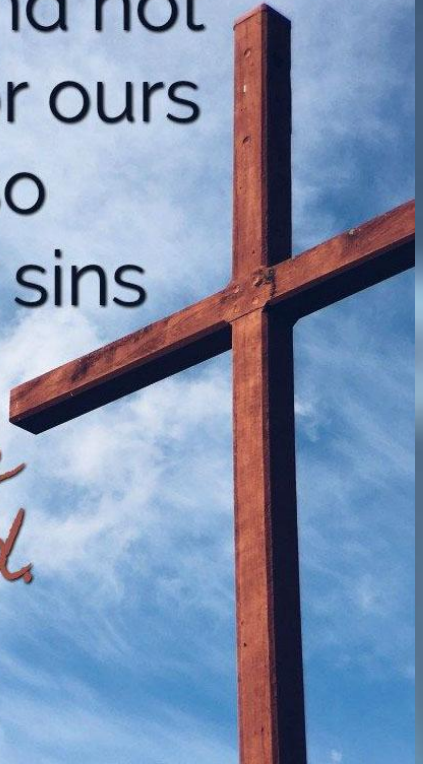


***Why must Jesus die?***

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He is the *atoning sacrifice* for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the *whole world.*



1 John 2:2  
(NIV)

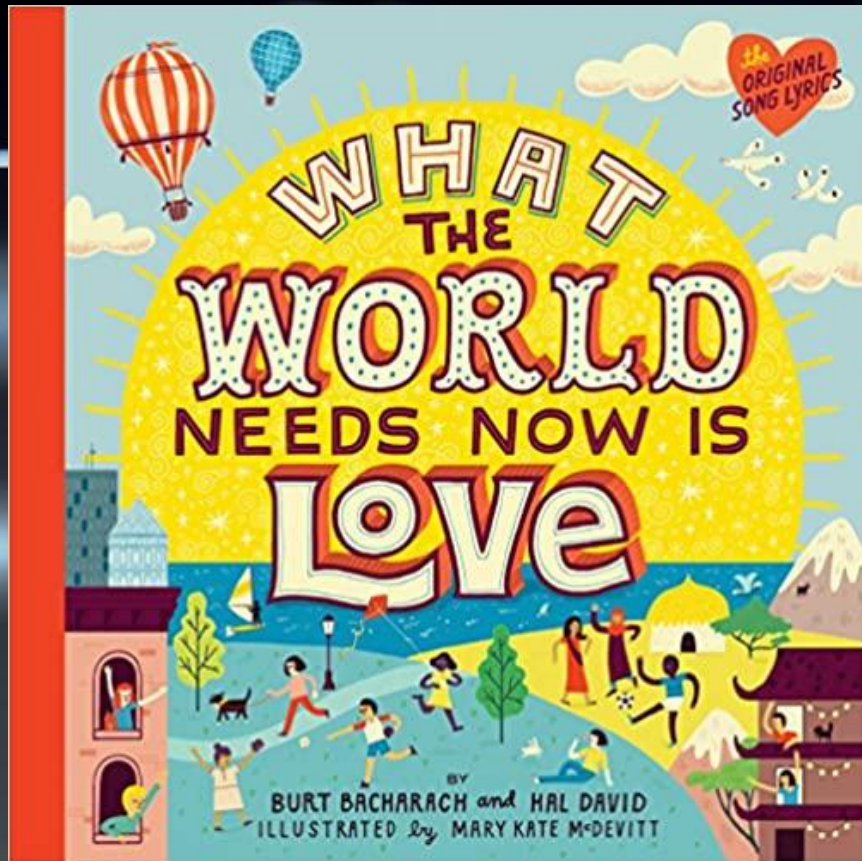
A portrait of Jesus with a stylized lamb graphic overlaid. The portrait is in a soft, painterly style, showing Jesus with long hair and a beard, wearing a white robe. The lamb is drawn in a simple, geometric, line-art style with green and blue outlines. The background of the graphic is a mix of green and yellow geometric shapes.

**THIS IS THE LAMB OF GOD WHO TAKES AWAY THE SINS OF THE WORLD.**

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MAY LOVE  
PREVAIL  
IN THE  
HEARTS  
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HUMANITY.

# OUR LENTEN *Journey*

*following Jesus today...*

*A Strife against the Common Enemies ...*

“Now the trumpet summons us again—not as a call to bear arms, though arms we need; not as a call to battle, though embattled we are—but a call to bear the burden of a long twilight struggle, year in and year out, "rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation"—a struggle against the common enemies of man: tyranny, poverty, disease, and war itself.

Inaugural Adress, January 20, 1961”



**John F. Kennedy**  
35th President of USA

# *Be Perfect,*

*therefore, as Your Heavenly Father Is Perfect.*

1. The Journey of the Mortals - Feb. 26
2. Settle Matters Quickly with Your Adversaries - Mar. 5
3. To Be Seen by God, not by Men - Mar. 12
4. Seek First His Kingdom and His Righteousness - Mar. 19
5. Love Your Enemy - The Act of True Forgiveness - Mar. 26
6. Like the King Gentle and Riding on a Donkey - Palm Sunday, Apr. 2
7. Report of the Passion of the Mattean Jesus - Maundy Thursday
8. Seven Woes, Then and Now - Good Friday

# Matthew 5:38-48

## Do Not be Like the Evil-Doer

But if there is serious injury, you are to take life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, burn for burn, wound for wound, bruise for bruise.

Exodus 21:23-25 NIV

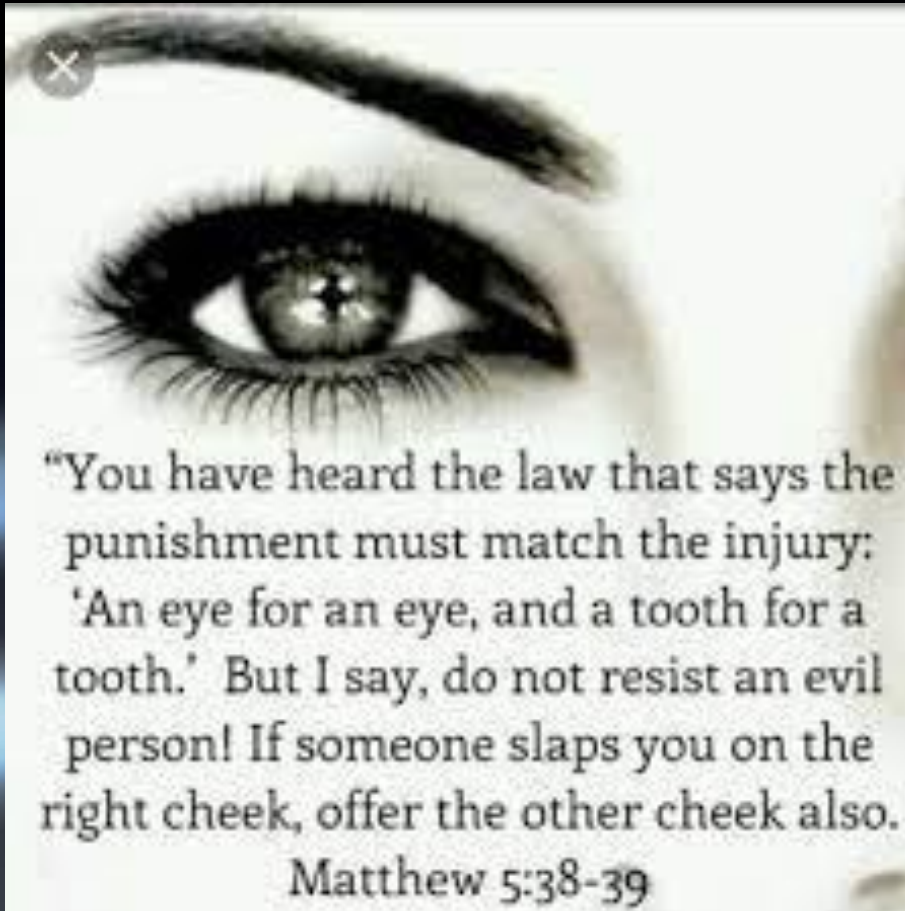
Ὅφθαλμὸν ἀντὶ ὀφθαλμοῦ καὶ ὀδόντα ἀντὶ ὀδόντος.

The Justice of God



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## *Love Does Not Retaliate, but Restore*



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## God Loves All



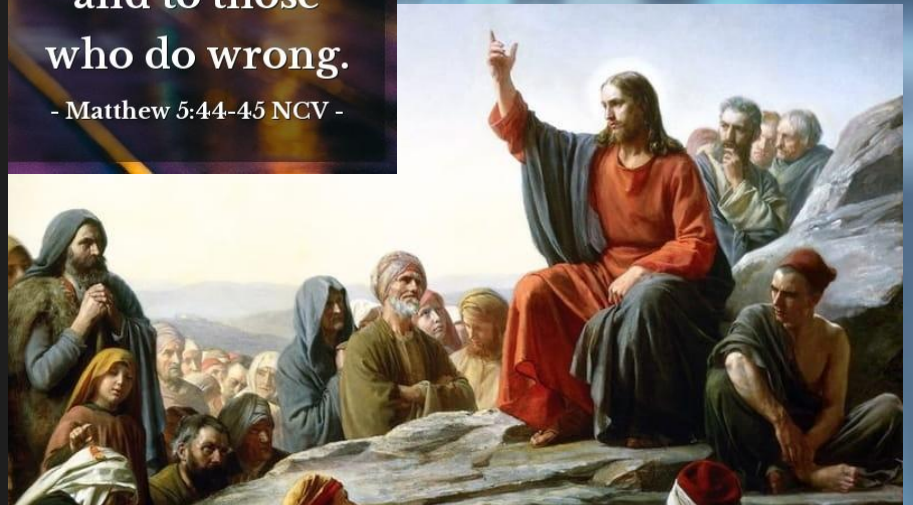
He causes the sun to rise on good people and on evil people, and he sends rain to those who do right and to those who do wrong.

- Matthew 5:44-45 NCV -

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If you love only the people who love you, you will get no reward. Even the tax collectors do that. And if you are nice only to your friends, you are no better than other people. Even those who don't know God are nice to their friends.

Matthew 5:46-47





# Matthew 5:38-48

## Love to be Extended to the Enemies

God is love.  
Whoever lives in love  
lives in God,  
and God in them.

1 JOHN 4:16

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THE GOSPEL IS  
FOR EVERYONE



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***“Be Perfect, therefore, as Your Heavenly Father Is Perfect”***  
*Part 5. Love Your Enemies – The True Act of Forgiveness*

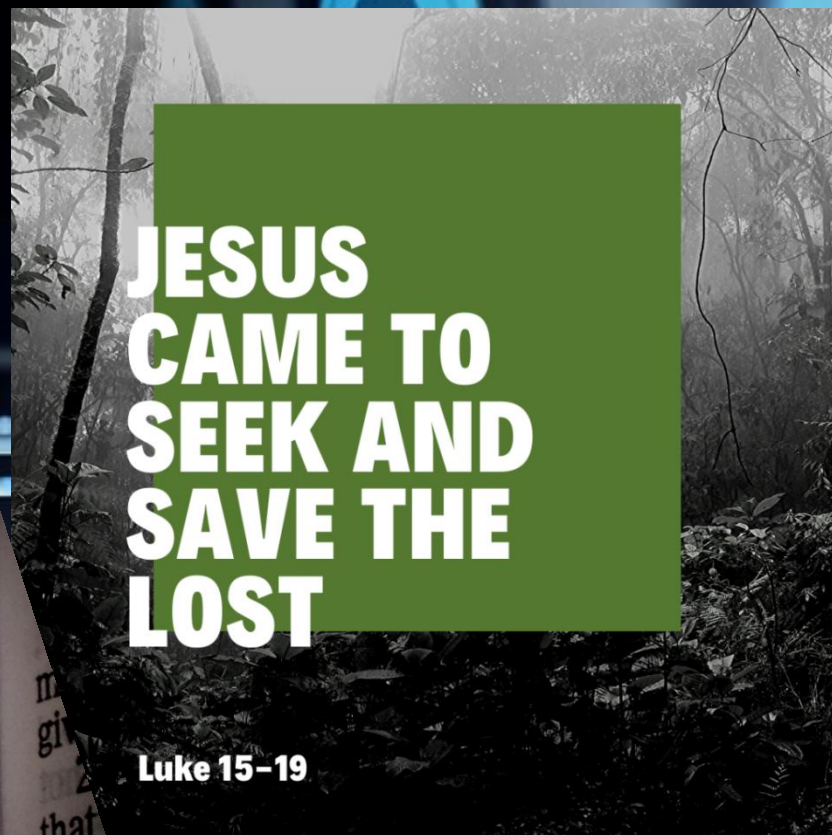
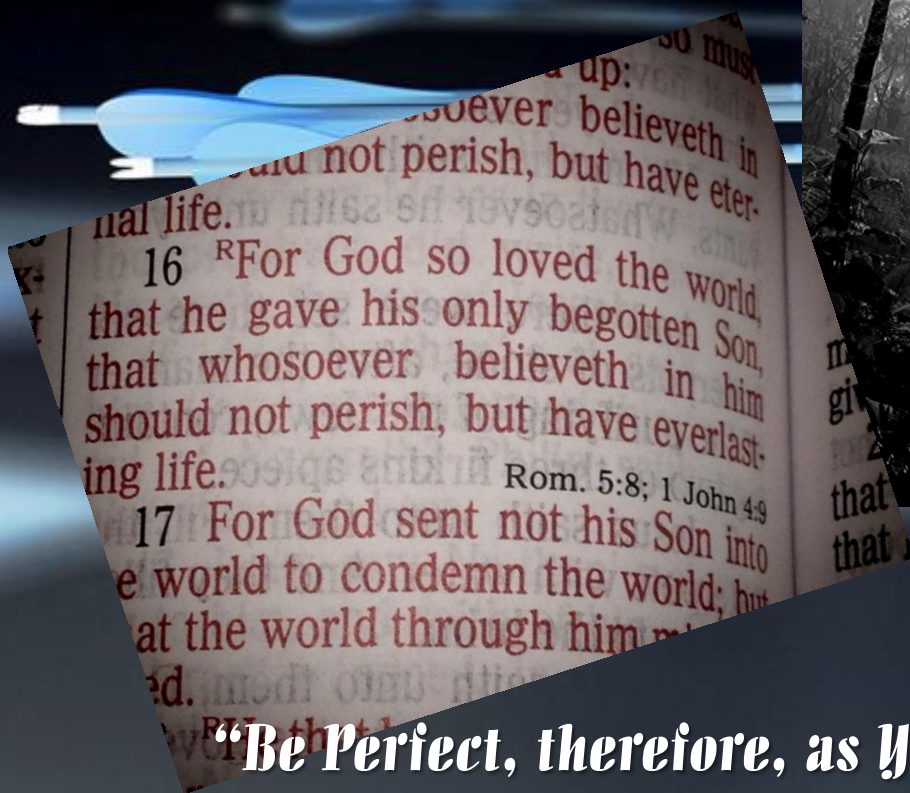
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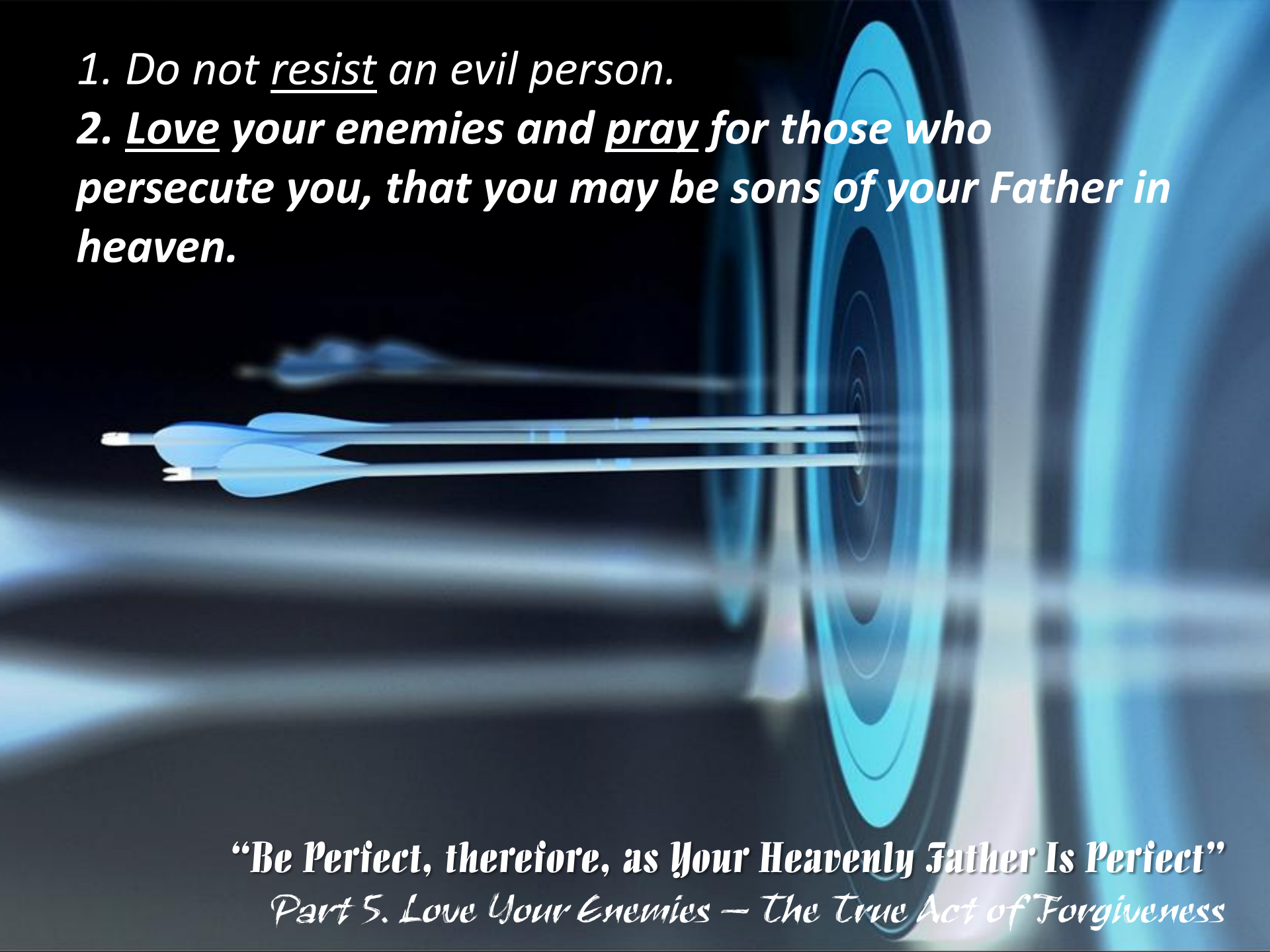
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### Analysis

## Ukraine will need more tanks if it is to make breakthrough

*Dan Sabbagh* Defence and security editor

UK is sending 14 tanks, and other countries may soon send more but experts say Kyiv needs about 100

● [Russia-Ukraine war - latest news updates](#)

**The  
Guardian**



📷 The Challenger 2 is the British army's main battle tank. Photograph: Finnbar Webster/Getty Images

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When we allow hate in our hearts, it consumes us. It leaves no room for love.

Inspiring  
QUOTES  
with Penny Lee  
FACEBOOK

It doesn't feel good at all. Release it.

~Penny Lee

**Forgiveness**  
frees us and allows us to move on.

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BUT I SAY,  
**LOVE**  
YOUR ENEMIES!  
**PRAY**  
FOR THOSE WHO  
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MATTHEW 5:44

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***True Forgiveness begins with...***

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Forgiveness is the final form  
of love.

- Reinhold Niebuhr



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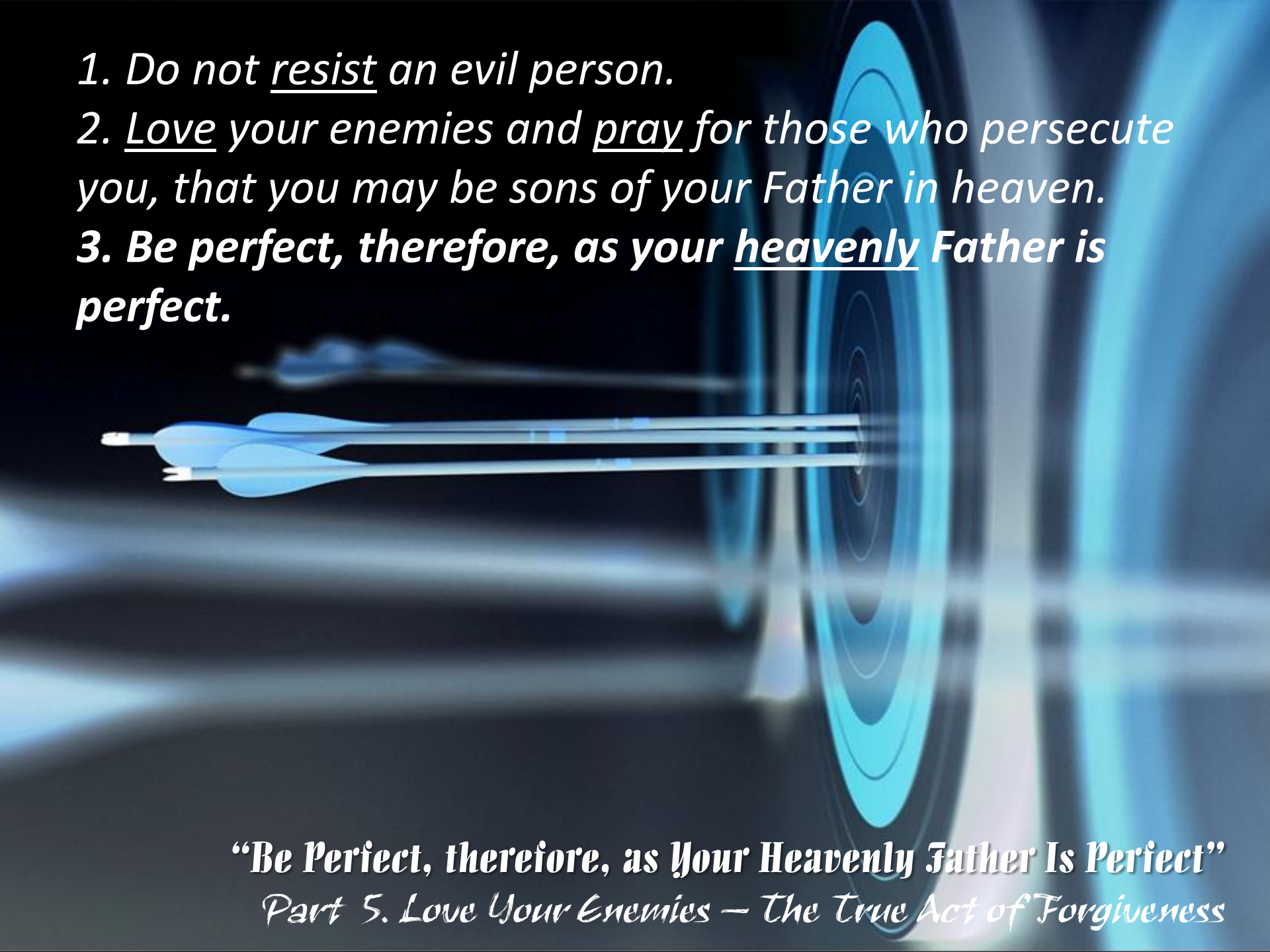
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It is easier to forgive an enemy  
than to forgive a friend.

- William Blake



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### *3. Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.*

*Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, **forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.***

***Be imitators of God,**  
therefore, as dearly loved children and live a life of love,  
**just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us**  
as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.*

***Ephesians 4:31-5:2***

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WE ARE CALLED TO LOVE LIKE  
**JESUS!**

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