

CONFLICT MANAGEMENT #2

October 11, 2020 Matthew 5:38-48

“Thy kingdom come...” God is the king. You are here to bring in His kingdom. What will it take to bring in God’s kingdom? “Be perfect...as your heavenly Father is perfect (5:48).”

1. With God’s help I will be like Jesus and do what Jesus does

- The key word is **agape**. “Love your neighbor...(even your enemies.” Matthew 5:43-44. Love wins.
- Perfect means to be mature, in alignment, letting God’s love flow in and through us. It means to reach your deepest potential. Love wins.
- To repent means to come back into alignment.
- Our greatest cheerleader and helper is the Holy Spirit. Love wins.

2. How can love win even when you have enemies?

- Did Jesus have enemies? Think about the cross. Love wins.
- An enemy is someone you do not like and who doesn’t like you. Maybe they even persecute you or hurt you. Practice forgiveness!
- **Pray for them (5:44)** even if you feel like hurting them (an eye for an eye).
- **Greet them** with the word “shalom.” 5:46-47
- **Do not take revenge** even if they slap you, even if they sue you, even if they make unreasonable demands on you.
- **Ask God to help you put love in action!** 5:42, Rom. 12:17-21 Love wins.