

## Deacon's Beacons

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“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.” Matthew 5:43–45

Come on, Jesus, Really? We have to love those who treat us poorly or unfairly or with contempt? That sounds too hard. Yet look at what Jesus did. He submitted to His torturers and forgave those who killed Him. Jesus is not asking us to do anything that He Himself did not do. He has shown us the way. Jesus never said it would be easy. He did say that it is possible. In today's environment of charged rhetoric, maybe we need to love those who do not agree with us. Maybe then we can find real solutions.

Go raibh síocháin Chríost a bheith in éineacht leat.

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