

## **Matthew 5:43-48**



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*“Forgiveness flounders because I exclude the enemy from the community of humans even as I exclude myself from the community of sinners. ”*

- Miroslav Volf

1) Watch this video on forgiveness here:

<http://www.theblaze.com/news/2017/04/27/christian-widow-stuns-tv-host-when-she-forgives-isis-terrorist-who-killed-her-husband/>. What is your reaction or thoughts to this grieving widow living out Jesus' commands to forgive?

2) Read Matthew 5:43-48 and Leviticus 19:18. How were the religious leaders conveniently editing God's Word? How would you be tempted to use the false teaching of the religious leaders in Jesus' day?

3) Why ought we love and pray for our enemies according to Jesus?

4) What impact should vs. 47 have on our relationships?

5) How does Jesus describe God's holiness/perfection? What is at the core of our perfect Heavenly Father's holiness?

6) How does Jesus embody God's perfection and enemy love?

7) What changes in beliefs, attitudes and actions do you need to make in light of this passage?

Take time to pray together. Pray for a deeper understanding of how much we are forgiven and how wealthy we are in Christ. Pray for your enemies and those who test your patience.