### Love Looking Out

Matthew 5:43-48 1 Peter 4:1-11

#### What Does Love Mean To...

- Our Church
- Our Families
- Our Non-Christian Relationships



## Therefore you are to be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.



#### Open Your Bibles to Matthew 5:43-47

#### You Be Perfect...

- <u>τέλειος (telios)</u>- to meeting the highest standard, to being mature, full-grown, adult, perfect, fully developed
- Love and pray for your enemies
- God takes care of and blesses both the righteous and unrighteous.
- Don't act like Gentiles (Outsiders), but be better.



#### Turn in Your Bibles to 1 Peter 4:1-7

#### Love and Non-Christian

- Willingly suffer for the sake of Christ
- Stop joining them in sin!
- Surprise them with the changes God is making in your life.
- Remind them of God's coming judgment.
- Use good judgment and clear thinking for prayer.

#### Above All...

- Don't forget our responsibilities to the household of God.
- Αγάπη (agape) one another.
- Be hospitable to one another without complaint.
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- Glorify God through our stewardship.

- Seek to actively demonstrate God's love to others.
- Be the peacemaker in volatile situations.
- Be the godly example in all areas of life (speech, behavior, humor, etc.)
- Be the one offering wholesome alternatives when faced with sinful options.
- Be the one praying daily for those that cause you problems.
- Be the one highlighting how God is working in and changing your life.

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