

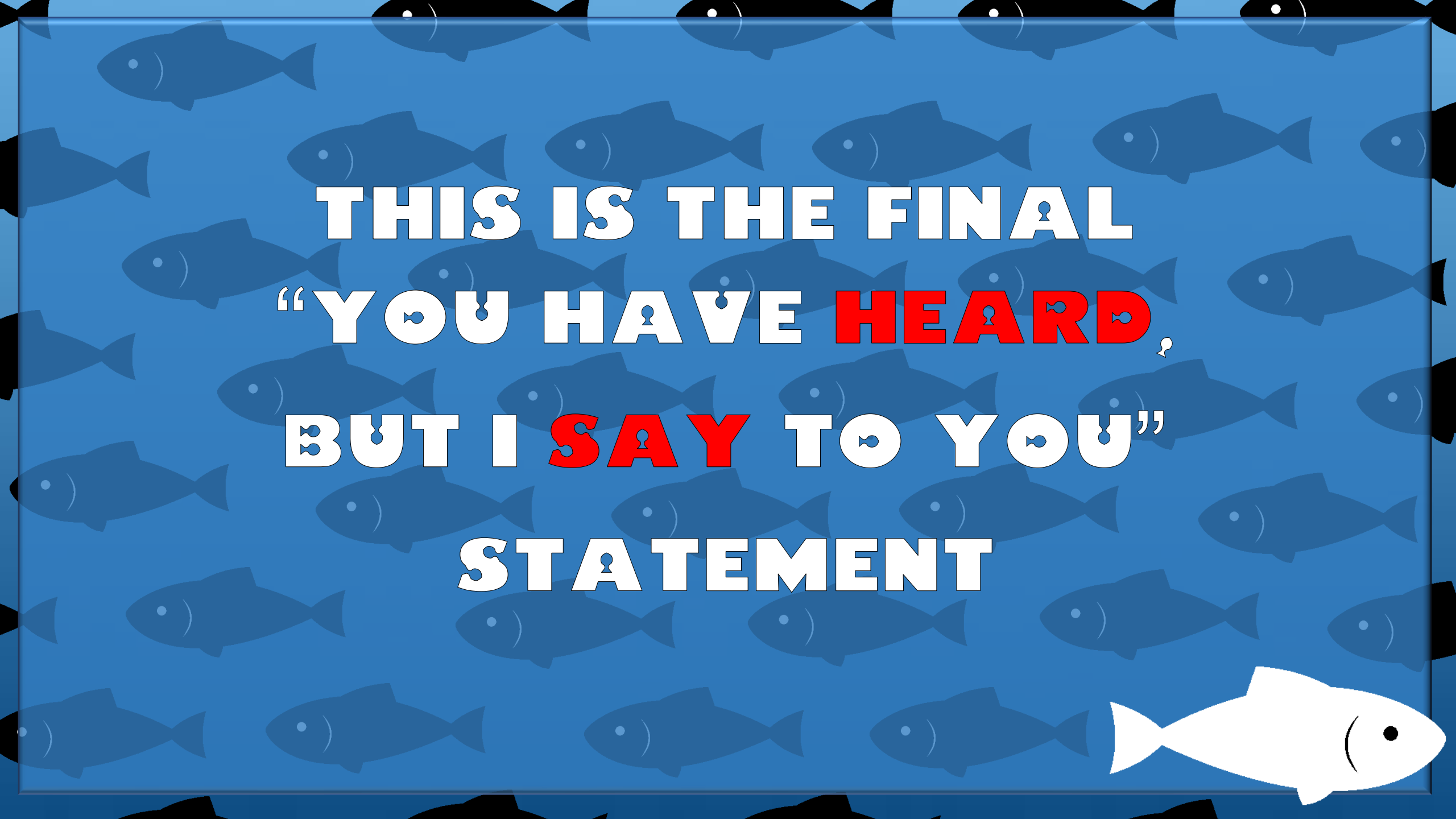
RADICALLY

DIFFERENT



**“HATE” = DETEST OR PURSUE
WITH INTENSE HATRED**





THIS IS THE FINAL
“YOU HAVE HEARD,
BUT I SAY TO YOU”
STATEMENT

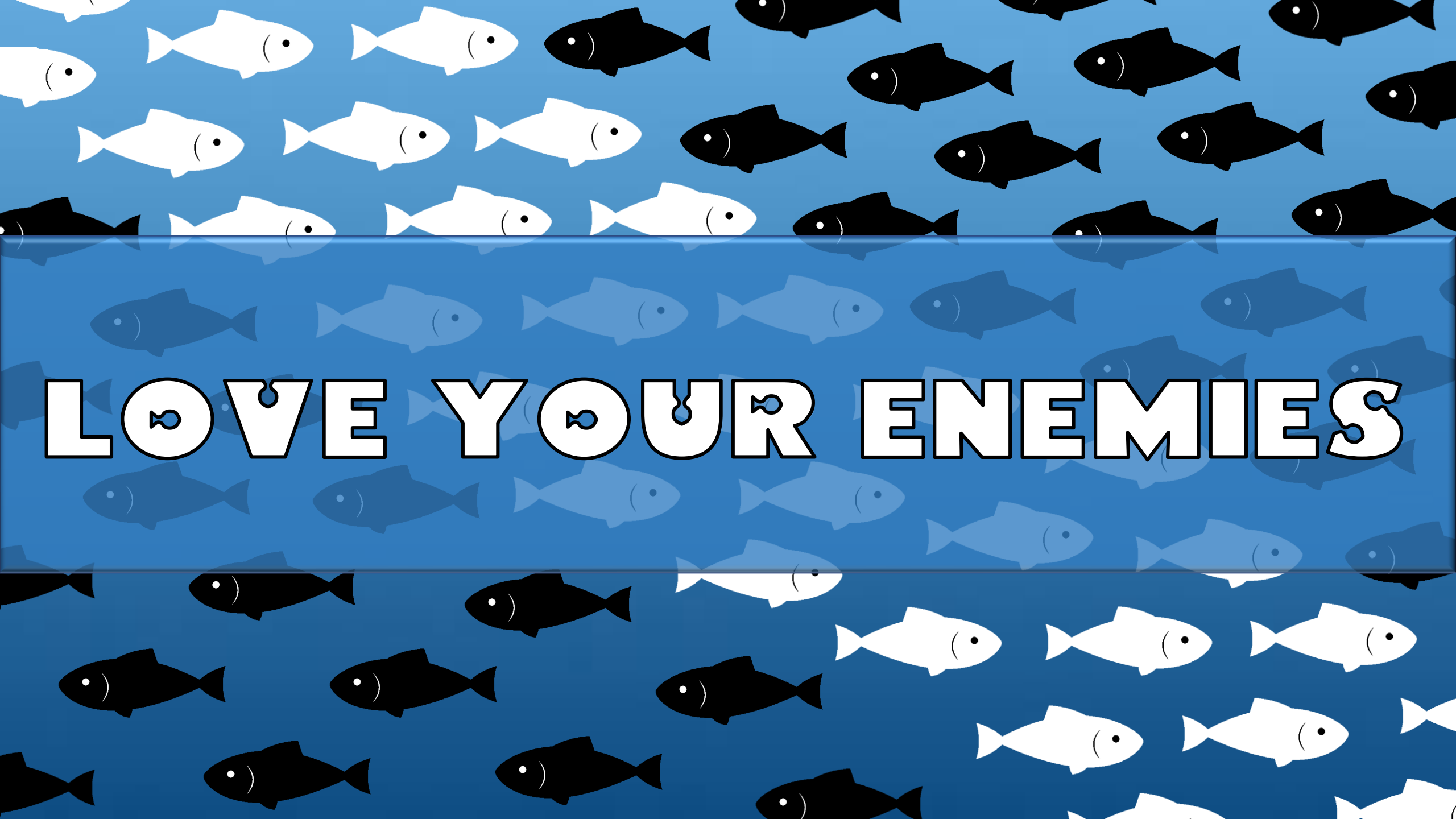




HOW DO WE TREAT PEOPLE,
WHO **DON'T** TREAT US WELL?

MATTHEW 5:43-47





LOVE YOUR ENEMIES



MATTHEW 5:43-44

LEVITICUS 19:17-18



**THE WRONG CONCLUSION
TRANSFORMED WHAT WAS A
COMMAND ABOUT **HOW** GOD'S
PEOPLE ARE TO LOVE INTO A
COMMAND ABOUT **WHO** GOD'S
PEOPLE ARE TO LOVE**



BY LEAVING OFF
“**AS YOURSELF**” SCRIBES AND
PHARISEES MISSED THE
CRUCIAL EMPHASIS ON HOW
DEEPLY THEY WERE TO LOVE
THEIR NEIGHBORS



LUKE 10:25-37



THE SAMARITAN

SOMEONE WHO WAS DETESTED

BY THE JEWISH PERSON

THEY WERE HALF-BREEDS

THEY HAD INTERMARRIED

WITH PAGAN PEOPLE



JESUS' POINT WAS OUR
NEIGHBOR IS MORE THAN OUR
PURE BLOODED COUNTRYMEN
MORE THAN THOSE WHO
ARE **NICE** TO US



**NOT ONLY ARE WE
COMMANDED TO LOVE THOSE
WHO HATE US, WE ARE
COMMANDED TO PRAY FOR
THOSE WHO PERSECUTE US**

“PRAY” = CARRIES THE IDEA

OF A HABITUAL ACTION

**WE ARE TO ROUTINELY AND
REGULARLY PRAY OVER THEM**

ROMANS 12:14-21





**THESE INTENTIONAL
INVESTMENTS OPEN GOSPEL
OPPORTUNITIES AND
INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE
ENEMIES BECOME
BROTHERS AND SISTERS**





WHEN WE LOVE OUR ENEMIES

LIKE THIS, THE VERY

CHARACTER OF GOD IS

REFLECTED THROUGH US

MATTHEW 5:43-45



**GOD DOESN'T WITHHOLD
THE **SUN** OR THE **RAIN** FROM
THOSE WHO ARE HIS ENEMIES
AND HE HAS EVERY RIGHT
TO DO SO**

MATTHEW 5:46-47




**TAX COLLECTORS WERE
VIEWED AS TRAITORS,
THEY WERE THIEVES
THEY OFTEN MANIPULATED
TAX RATES FOR THEIR OWN
PERSONAL GAIN,**



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TO GREET SOMEONE IN THE
ANCIENT WORLD INCLUDED
NORMALLY SOME KIND OF
BLESSING JEWISH PEOPLE
NEVER GREETED GENTILES



CHALLENGE