

# Redemptive Conflict

## Sermon Series

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### How Do Followers of Jesus Handle Difficult People?

*A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.  
(John 13:34-35)*

#### I. The “One Another Commandments” of Jesus.

1. To LOVE others is a NEW way to live. (John 13:34a)
2. To LOVE is an INVITATION into His love. (John 13:34b)

*Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. (John 15:13)*

- a. The first transformation is a provisional change. (Exodus 15)
- b. The second transformation is a heart change. (Numbers 20)
3. His love has the potential to change the world. (John 13:35)

*If you love me, you will keep my commandments. (John 14:15)*

#### II. Practicing the “One Another Commandments” of Jesus.

*My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to become angry, for anger does not bring about the righteous life that God desires. (James 1:19-20)*

1. Carefully listen to God and others.

*So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ (Romans 10:17).*

a. Mirror what the other person is saying.

2. Humbly discern what God and others are saying.

“But I tell you...” (Matthew 5-7)

Do not be angry with one another.  
Do not envy one another.  
Do not lust over each other.  
Do not become greedy with one another.  
Love one another (as I love you).  
Love your enemies.  
Be generous with one another.

Don't lie against each other.  
Speak truth to one another.  
Forgive one another.  
Pray for each other.  
Serve one another.  
Do not judge one another.  
Protect one another.  
Encourage one another.

*When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, because he taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law. (Matthew 7:28-29)*

3. Continually Speak the Truth in Love.

### **III. Personal Reflections**

1. How has Jesus provided a NEW Way to live with difficult people in your life?
2. What “One Another Commandments” of Jesus can you practice with difficult people? Why or Why Not?
3. What areas of your life do you need Jesus to redeem (when it comes to difficult people)? Why?