



ROMANS

Strong faith for life



- The gospel is **Jesus**.

14 Sin is no longer your master, for you no longer live under the requirements of the law. Instead, you live under the freedom of God's grace. Romans 6:14

Because of the gospel:

- We choose Jesus, not our **feelings**.

- We choose Jesus, not the **offenses** of others.

Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think... Romans 12:2 (NLT)

14 Bless those who persecute you. Don't curse them; pray that God will bless them. 15 Be happy with those who are happy, and weep with those who weep. 16 Live in harmony with each other. Don't be too proud to enjoy the company of ordinary people. And don't think you know it all! 17 Never pay back evil with more evil. Do things in such a way that everyone can see you are honorable. 18 Do all that you can to live in peace with everyone.

19 Dear friends, never take revenge. Leave that to the righteous anger of God. For the Scriptures say, "I will take revenge; I will pay them back," says the Lord. 20 Instead, "If your enemies are hungry, feed them. If they are thirsty, give them something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals of shame on their heads."

21 Don't let evil conquer you, but conquer evil by doing good. Romans 12:14-21 (NLT)

Paul is addressing two battlefronts:

- The **person** doing evil **to you**.

Our fight is not with people. It is against the leaders and the powers and the spirits of darkness in this world. It is against the demon world that works in the heavens. Ephesians 6:12

- The **potential** of evil **from you**.

- When we respond to evil with evil, **evil wins**.

4 choices to Overcome Evil with Good:

- We choose **peace** when possible.

18 Do all that you can to live in peace with everyone. Romans 12:18 (NLT)

18 If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. Romans 12:18 (NIV)

...do not resist an evil person! If someone slaps you on the right cheek, offer the other cheek also. Matthew 5:39

- Choose to not **judge**.

17 Never pay back evil with more evil. Do things in such a way that everyone can see you are honorable...

19 Dear friends, never take revenge. Leave that to the righteous anger of God. For the Scriptures say, "I will take revenge; I will pay them back," says the Lord. Romans 12:17,19

"You meant it for evil, but God meant it for good." Genesis 50:20

- Choose what others **need** not what they **deserve**.

14 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Romans 12:14

15 Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. Romans 12:15

And if your enemy is hungry, feed him. If he is thirsty, give him something to drink, For in so doing, you will be heaping fiery coals on his head. Romans 12:20

...Your generosity will surprise him with goodness. Romans 12:12b (Msg)

- Choose the **gospel**.

16 Live in harmony with each other. Don't be too proud to enjoy the company of ordinary people. And don't think you know it all! Romans 12:16 (NLT)

- Evil wins when good people do the **same things** done to them rather than the **good things** Jesus has done for them.



TO CREATIVELY LOVE AND LEAD PEOPLE IN A GROWING RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS.

Questions that can be used in Connection Groups:

These questions also work well for personal time with God.

- What scripture and/or point spoke most to you from the Talk on Sunday? Explain why?
- Why can we say that the gospel is Jesus? Explain what that means.
- How do we choose Jesus over feelings? What does it mean to choose Jesus not the offenses of others?
- Read Romans 12:14-21; What stands out to you in this text?
- Talk about the two battlefronts that Paul is addressing? How do you deal with each of these?
- What does it mean to you - when we respond to evil with evil, evil wins.
- What are some ways we can choose peace in our relationships with people in the world?
- Why are we so prone to judge the wrongs that have been done to us? What does it mean to trust God with judging those who have hurt us?
- What are some ways we can choose the needs of others rather than what they deserve?
- What does it mean to choose the gospel and how do we choose the gospel rather than retaliation?

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