

The original message of Jesus states “You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbor[i] and hate your enemy.’ But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you”(Matthew 5:43-45), in this message he meant “you look at every man, and you love him, because you know god loves him. And he might be the worst person you’ve ever seen” (king 17:35-19:24) as interpreted from Dr. Martin Luther King, because you don’t have to like a person to love thy enemy, you love your enemy because god loves them, this love is called agape. In modern day I think this could look like Maby understanding the circumstances that led to a person doing something bad, and realizing their potential to repent for what they did, and it doesn’t mean that they didn’t do something bad and that they shouldn’t be free from any consequences, because everyone has consequences to their actions, but instead realize their potential to make up for their mistakes and try to nurture that rather to smother that possibility through hate. A good example that Martin Luther king provided was when he was driving with his brother and his brother and no one would dim their lights, and while his brother suggested turning the lights all the way up for the next car, but Dr. King said “oh no, don’t do that. There’d be too much light on this highway, and it will end up in mutual destruction for all. In conclusion, do not hate your enemies, hate what they did, while someone’s actions can make a powerful impact, their power to make up for what they did depends on you.