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**THOSE MEAN PEOPLE**

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**1 Samuel 16-26 / Luke 6:27-28 / Romans 12:17-21**

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**An Example: Saul and David**

**HOW DO WE RESPOND TO THOSE PEOPLE?**

*Luke 6:27-28 But I tell you who hear me: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.*

- Love
- Bless
- Pray

*Romans 12:14-21 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited. Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everybody. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. Do not take revenge, my friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. On the contrary: "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.*

1. Identify with those who wrong you.
2. Resist your desire to retaliate.
3. Focus on your responsibility.
4. Trust God to avenge you.
5. Go the extra mile.