



## Handling Haters Jesus's Way

**Scripture:** Matthew 5:38-48

**Sermon Points:**

Problem Jesus addresses — Fair has a limit.

Solution Jesus introduces — Limit yourself for the sake of others.

-It puts you in a different place of strength.

-It puts the person in conflict into resolution.

God's love has no limit.

1. This calls me to need the spirit of God.
2. This takes Jesus everywhere I am.

**Group Opener:**

The message started with a story about driving, traffic and wanting to “teach other drivers a lesson”. Who resonated with that illustration?

**Discussion Questions:**

1. We saw Jesus teach that the Law had limits. The Mosaic Law was good at preventing, but not repairing. How could limiting my reactions actually bring about good in a situation?
2. What obstacles may prevent us from applying Jesus pattern of love to others?
3. Read Matt 5:43-45  
<sup>43</sup>“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ <sup>44</sup>But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, <sup>45</sup>so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.  
Jesus reminded people that God takes care of everyone, while still acknowledging that some are good and evil. To be Christ-like is to care for those unlike you. Is this easy or hard for you and why?
4. As a small group share and then pray for this...  
-Who is the person/people that you are called by God to love in some tangible way this week?