



# Enemies, *Grace*, AND REVENGE

"Empathy for God's Embattled People"

Romans 12:15-16

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**15** *Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.*  
**16** *Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight.*  
(ESV)

1. Get \_\_\_\_\_ (v.15)

2. Think \_\_\_\_\_ (v.16a)

3. Monitor \_\_\_\_\_ (v.16b)

# Application Questions

*These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.*

1. Read **Galatians 6:2**. Describe a situation in which a fellow Christian significantly assisted you in bearing a burden you were facing.
2. Read **Psalm 35:13-14** and **Nehemiah 1:3-4**. What are some of the excuses you have used for staying emotionally and personally detached from another Christian's trials?
3. What are some of the differences between staying attentively apprized of someone's troubles versus having a sincere empathy?
4. Read **1 Corinthians 12:25-26**. What wise and practical counsel would you give a Christian who desires to be more attuned to the needs and hurts of fellow Christians?
5. Who do you know who is unjustly suffering because of their alliance with Christ, and what could you do to help?

## ***The CBC Bible Reading Schedule for this Week:***

Go to [ESV.org](http://ESV.org) (*Reading Plans: Through the Bible*) for schedule prompts.

### **March 13<sup>th</sup>**

*Deut.20-22 & Mk.14:26-50*

### **March 14<sup>th</sup>**

*Deut.23-25 & Mk.14:51-72*

### **March 15<sup>th</sup>**

*Deut.26-27 & Mk.15:1-26*

### **March 16<sup>th</sup>**

*Deut.28 & Mk.15:27-47*

### **March 17<sup>th</sup>**

*Deut.29-30 & Mk.16*

### **March 18<sup>th</sup>**

*Deut.31-32 & Lk.1:1-23*

### **March 19<sup>th</sup>**

*Deut.33-34 & Lk.1:24-56*

### **March 20<sup>th</sup>**

*Josh.1-3 & Lk.1:57-80*

*For sermons on MP3 go to [FPR.info](http://FPR.info). The following are other available sermons related to today's subject matter.*

CD # 0733 – ***Sacrifice Instead of Selfishness***

CD # 0911 – ***Real Love: Its Biblical Dimensions***

CD # 1107 – ***Excelling in Generosity***

CD # 0925 – ***Connectedness: Being More Intentional About Biblical Fellowship***

CD # 0608 – ***What it Means to "Share Together" in Christ***

*Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.*

Calvin, John. ***Faith Unfeigned***. Translated by Robert White. Banner of Truth, 2010

Crossman, Meg. ***Perspectives Exposure: Discovering God's Heart for All Nations***. YWAM Publishing, 2003.

Edwards, Jonathan. ***Charity and Its Fruits***. Reprint. Banner of Truth, 1969.

Foxe, John. ***Foxe's Book of Martyrs***. The John C. Winston Co., 1926.

Hefley, James and Marti. ***By Their Blood: Christian Martyrs of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century***. Baker Books, 1996.

Kroll, Woodrow. ***Struggling with Selfishness: Choosing to Look Past Yourself***. Back to the Bible, 1996.

Mandryk, Jason. ***Operation World: The Definitive Prayer Guide to Every Nation. Seventh Edition***. Biblica Publishing, 2010.

McKeehan, Toby and Mark Heimermann. ***Jesus Freaks: Stories of Those Who Stood for Jesus***. Albury Publishing, 1999.

Ryken, Philip Graham, ed. ***The Communion of the Saints: Living in Fellowship with the People of God***. P & R, 2001.

Swindoll, Charles. ***Improving Your Serve: The Art of Unselfish Living***. Reprint. Word, 2002.

Tada, Joni Eareckson. ***When God Weeps: Why Our Suffering Matters to the Almighty***. Zondervan, 1997.

Water, Mark, ed. ***The New Encyclopedia of Christian Martyrs***. Baker Books, 2001.

Wiersbe, Warren, ed. ***Classic Sermons on Suffering***. Kregel Publishing, 1984.

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