

Theology Day

Faith Seeking Understanding

The Spirit Renews

And Who Is My Enemy?

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What does it really mean to “love our enemies”—and how can such a command take root in our lives today? Jesus’s call to love one’s enemies extends far beyond loving those who might seem easy to love or who pose no threat to our wellbeing. Together, we’ll explore this challenging teaching through the lens of theological ethics, engaging Christian thought on what it means to have an enemy, beyond simply enduring malice or ill will. Alongside voices from the tradition, we will wrestle with how to recognize “enmity” and how the call to love our enemies might be lived in practice. Consider how this radical command might reshape our understanding of love, deepen our moral imagination, and transform the way we relate to our neighbors in a complex world.



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