



The Gospel According to Luke Wk. 29 "Tough Love Pt. 2 / Where to Start" By Pastor Jody May

Luke 6:37-42 ESV

Judging Others

³⁷ "Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸ give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you."

³⁹ He also told them a parable: "Can a blind man lead a blind man? Will they not both fall into a pit? ⁴⁰ A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone when he is fully trained will be like his teacher. ⁴¹ Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? ⁴² How can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me take out the speck that is in your eye,' when you yourself do not see the log that is in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take out the speck that is in your brother's eye."

**HEART or CONFLICT &
CONVICITON**

HEAD or CONFIDENCE:

HANDS or CONDUCT:

Selfless, Holy, and Regenerated Love was Pt. 1 – This would be the first step in learning how to be a disciple of Christ. Jesus taught us, how to love your enemies. Tough love part 1 taught us **how to love those outside the faith**, love those that take from you and mistreat you, for in this way God's name stands out and people learn of God's incredible love. This week in part 2 we learn about how to love people inside the faith and what that looks like.

Being a disciple means we love everyone, but each group has its own unique challenges.

Part 2 of tough Love.

Let me start this morning with showing you what it looks like when judgment and condemnation runs rampant in a particular group. It seems that with the rise of social media and news sources that have become less interested in just reporting news but that they must sensationalize it, that not just politics but anything or anyone in the public eye, is more



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susceptible to harsh criticism in the form of judgment. Which has made for a very mean and demeaning public.

If you don't like something in politics you don't just talk about the issues, or why you believe your ideas are good and the other ones bad, no, you attack the opponent. Then when you attack the opponent you assume motives and that if they say anything that you don't like it is equal to them not caring about you. In politics if you don't care about someone then you are biased somehow and not only are you not worth my vote, but you are worthy of my disdain and dislike, **making you a target for my anger**. But then when this judgment happens enough between politicians they are always surprised when it happens to them. A harsh and condemning attitude always begets more.

If a corporation, whether it is amazon, a restaurant, some type of service provider, when we feel that they have not serviced us well we are quick to react. They get a poor rating from us, they get a nasty phone call, something is mentioned on Social Media, and quickly it becomes how can we publicly go after them, many times before ever asking nicely (in love) to have something fixed. BTW this does not make organizations play nicer it makes them play tougher because now you have to complain more and louder to be heard.

I hope I am painting us a picture of what it is like **when we move quick to judgment instead of trying to love first**, discern first, to understand first. Judgement leads to more judgment and condemnation and very rarely does it lead to feelings of resolution.

In our world, in the church/for Christians, we are called to live in a very different manner. Remember our love is a Holy Love, it is to look otherworldly. We are to refrain from rash judgments of others, especially in the church. Show me a church of quick to judging people and I will show you a church that will die. People don't want to do life with people that you have judged too quickly, to be wrong, because your feelings of self-righteousness are hard to overcome. The way we keep from the idol of self-righteousness is not to judge rashly, NO, the way we keep from judging is we must choose to love first!

Main Point:

Love always comes BEFORE Judgment.

1. Reaping what you sow.



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37" Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven;

This is one of those passages in the Bible that you don't have to guess how to apply it to your life, because it is telling you to do a thing. Judge not, Condemn not, and Forgive. The other side of those statements are warnings. *'If you don't do ... then you won't get... and if you do ... you will get ...* I also want to take a moment and clear up a few things that I have heard when people read a passage like this.

1st there are too many liberties taken in light of this passage as in people apply what seems to be a principle of payback here in the text to every moral situation they can think of. Don't go stealing unless you want something stole from you, don't gossip unless you want gossip done to you, if you don't tithe then God will never bless you with money to tithe, if you aren't nice to people you shouldn't expect them to be nice to you. OK so those are unbiblical teachings that to our ears sound good but they are unwarranted.

2nd People treat this passage like a form of karma, as in, the reason you don't do it is because you will get bad luck in return for the things you don't do right.

Here's what this passage means:

When you judge and then condemn in your heart someone that does not think as you do nor accomplish the good works like you think you do, you are bound for hell. BECAUSE, the measure in which you judge people by is also the same measure you live by. **THAT MEANS you leave God no choice by which to judge you** by the same measures you judge everyone else BECAUSE you lived by that instead of Jesus' Sacrifice for you. Which is and will always be the only thing that earns God's favor and keeps you out of Hell!

If we forgive, to let go a debt owed, you will receive the same because you show your belief in the truth that no man can pay for a sin to one another. There can be restitution, and there can be justice, but you can't remove the wrong only God can. You see when you choose not to forgive, especially when someone ask as for it, you have chosen to put yourself in God's place in their lives. Those that forgive show that they know what it is to be forgiven by God.

The way we fight judgment and seek to forgive is we must choose to Love first...

1 Corinthians 13:4-7 ESV



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⁴ Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant ⁵ or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶ it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

⁴ Love is patient and kind - what, it seeks to understand!?!; love does not envy or boast - really it believes that what you have in life was God ordained; it is not arrogant ⁵ or rude - takes in account feelings shows empathy . It does not insist on its own way - it considers others as valuable if not more-worthy; it is not irritable or resentful - love perpetuates a Good Mood!?!; ⁶ it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth - does my attitude of 'an eye for an eye have to change?'. ⁷ Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. - Love is the strongest thing in the universe therefore to have it is to no longer fear being judgmental and you should expect to be able to forgive those who seek it!

When we practice Christ-like love we no longer have to fear reaping what we sow because everything we sow will be good. And this is why we remember:

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2. Rewarded with God's Glorious Love!

³⁸ give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you."

Now I want to answer a question that the left side of your brain wants answered but the right side kept reading and didn't stop to look for it because it just wanted to be done.

What will be given to you!? What is it!?

It refers back to the action of God judging you and what He gives in judgment over you - LOVE!

Psalm 98:8-9 ESV

⁸ Let the rivers clap their hands;
let the hills sing for joy together
⁹ before the LORD, for he comes



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to **judge** the earth.
He will **judge** the world with **righteousness**,
and the peoples with **equity**.

First, let us rejoice in this reward of God's Glorious love towards us. We can depend on our God to judge us, one that judges fairly with equity, you will always get a **fair deal** with God. He judges only with good intentions, for good reasons, nothing in His judgment will be for evil's sake.

Psalm 86:15 ESV

¹⁵ But you, O Lord, are a God **merciful and gracious**,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

Next, we celebrate God because in God's just judgment, he must keep to His attributes and character, He can't decide to be mean to His people or choose to be vengeful towards His family, our judge must be merciful and gracious and abounding in a love that does not stop...

In the text, Jesus describes for us what it looks like when God blesses us with Love, the picture is an agricultural one. It is a picture of wheat when the chaff is removed, the bucket is tamped down and the top is piled up and underneath it you have to hold your tunic to catch the overflow. This is how we will receive God's Love WHEN we choose love over judgment. You see when we choose to believe it, that we have been loved like this, you will give it away and what happens when you love like this it breeds more love. Once you start experiencing God's love in this way, not withholding it but giving freely, you will never have a lack of it. It is a promise!

If you are a good discipliner spoil the heck out of them!

This is why it is such a blessing to live in love, as His child, for we will be rewarded so let us make sure to remember:

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3. **Removing the Log from your eye.**

So, it may sound up to this point like I do not advocate judgement at all in anyone's life and that is not true at all. It's just that the judgement we see here in our text is the type that when it's



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done it is done with the finality of passing sentence, it influences how you will treat a person. But there is a type of judging that is necessary and needs to exist in the church or otherwise we will have rampant sin and heresy!

1 Corinthians 5:11-13 ESV

¹¹ But now I am writing to you not to associate with anyone who bears the name of brother if he is guilty of sexual immorality or greed, or is an idolater, reviler, drunkard, or swindler—not even to eat with such a one. ¹² For what have I to do with judging outsiders? Is it not those inside the church whom you are to judge? ¹³ God judges those outside. "Purge the evil person from among you."

So, there is a type of judgment that needs to happen, it's called the "is there something in my eye!?" approach.

There is nothing more aggravating than getting something in your eye (Heather and her contact experiences). But for the Pharisees they just keep going on with life with a giant blind spot, because they believe they had all of them covered. So Jesus calls them out:

You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take out the speck that is in your brother's eye.

We are called to do two things, make sure you are constantly flushing out your eyes and secondly know that you are called to help your brothers and sisters to find that stubborn speck in theirs. This is why it is so important to struggle with community, the messiness of it, to seek real Biblical friendships because you got something stuck in your eye you can't see and your family can't either and the only way we are going to get rid of it is if we keep looking up at Jesus, so people can see how to clean it out.

But we have got to remember dear family that the speck is so hard to get out unless we remember:

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Application:

- **Start in your home this week and start asking for forgiveness of those you have judged or condemned wrongly. Family at Home**
- **Start asking God to show you how to give your excess away, to whom? Lost in the World**
- **Start asking people where your blind spots are and don't defend why you have them. With our Corporate Family**

PRAYER

COMMUNION

BENEDICTION

Go in the name of the Father that withheld judgment against us and chose to love us before we ever knew of Him.

Go in the name of the Son who loved God and His neighbor rightly because we couldn't.

Go in the name and power of the HS that helps us to love as we have been loved.