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JESUS AND THE LONGING OF EVERY HUMAN HEART

¹ Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, ² and he began to teach them. He said: ³ "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ...

 MATTHEW 5:1-13, 20, 48

... ⁴ Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. ⁵ Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. ⁶ Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. ...

 MATTHEW 5:1-13, 20, 48

... ⁷ Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. ⁸ Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. ⁹ Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. ¹⁰ Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ...

≡ MATTHEW 5:1-13, 20, 48

... ¹¹ Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you. ...

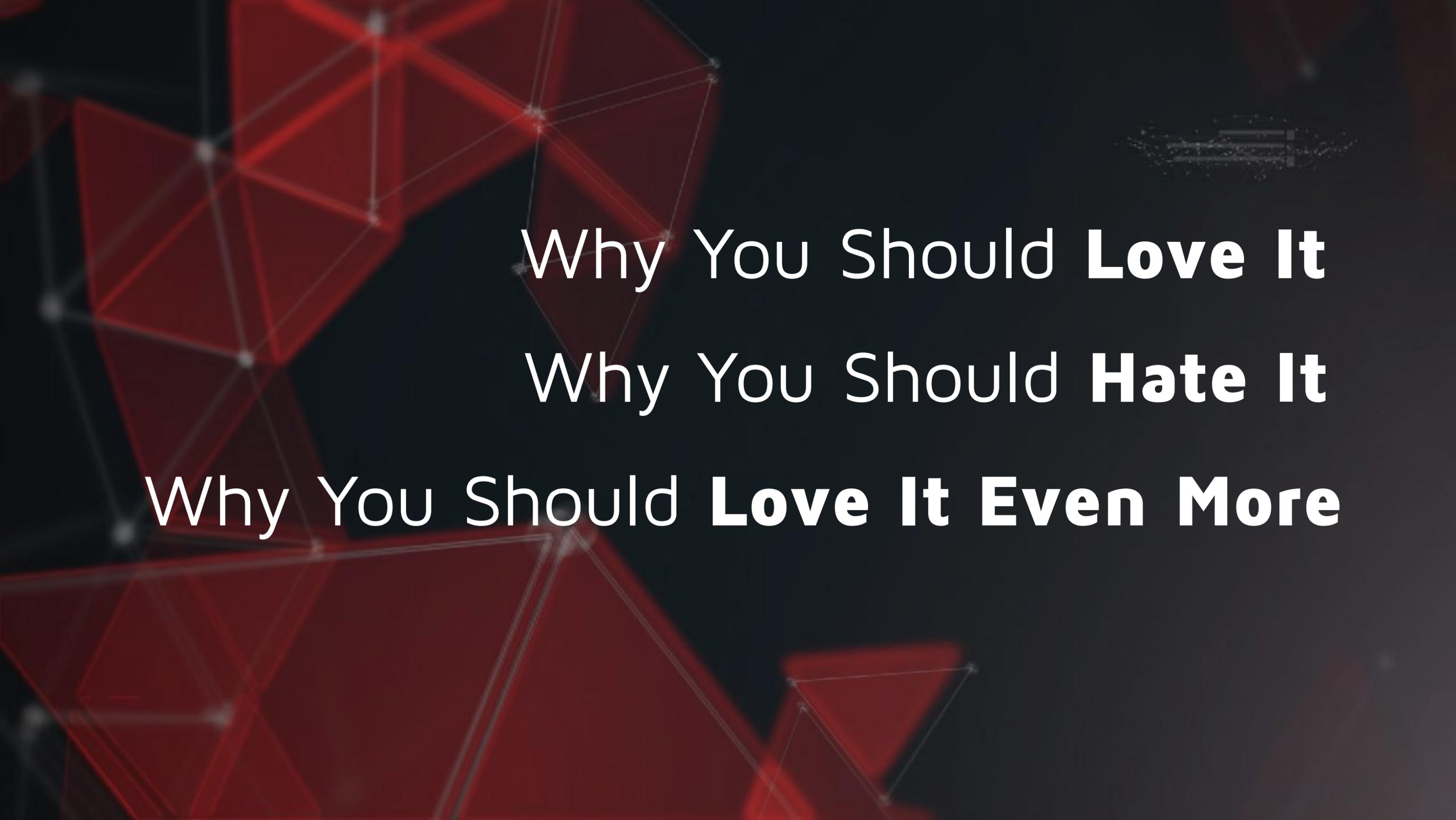
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... ¹³ You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. ...

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...²⁰ For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.⁴⁸ Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect."

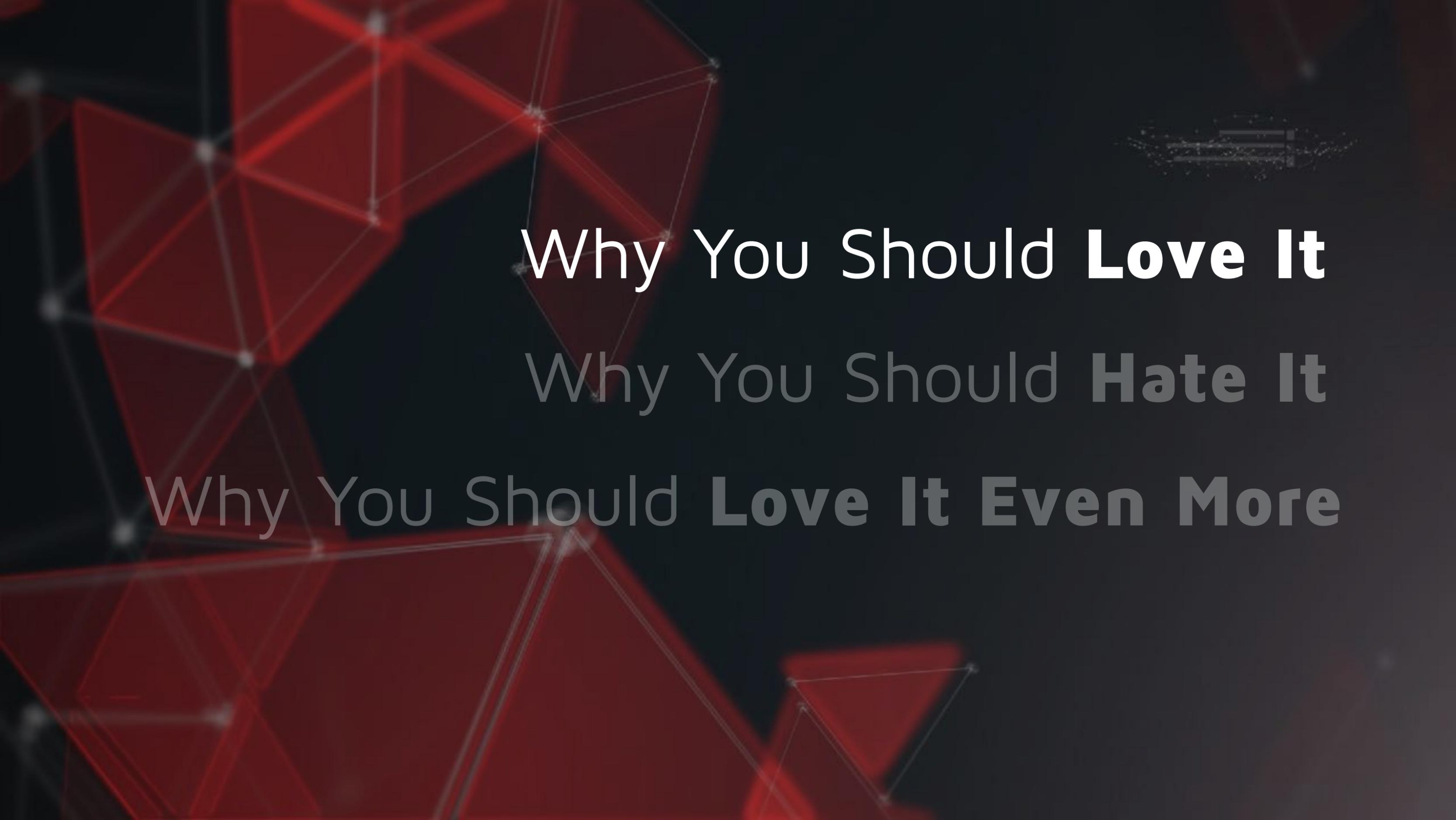
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IMAGINE A CERTAIN KIND OF LIFE

- ▶ That is poor in spirit
Blessed are the poor in spirit

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- ▶ That is poor in spirit
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- ▶ A life that mourns
Blessed are the mourn

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- ▶ A life that mourns
Blessed are the mourn
- ▶ A life that is meek
Blessed are the meek

"Gentleness or meekness is the opposite of self-assertiveness and self-interest. It stems from [knowing] God's goodness and control over the situation. The gentle person is not occupied with self at all."

Δ COMMENTATOR

IMAGINE A CERTAIN KIND OF LIFE

- ▶ A life of right desires

Blessed are those who hunger and
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- ▶ A merciful life
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- ▶ A merciful life
Blessed are the merciful
- ▶ A pure life
Blessed are the pure in heart

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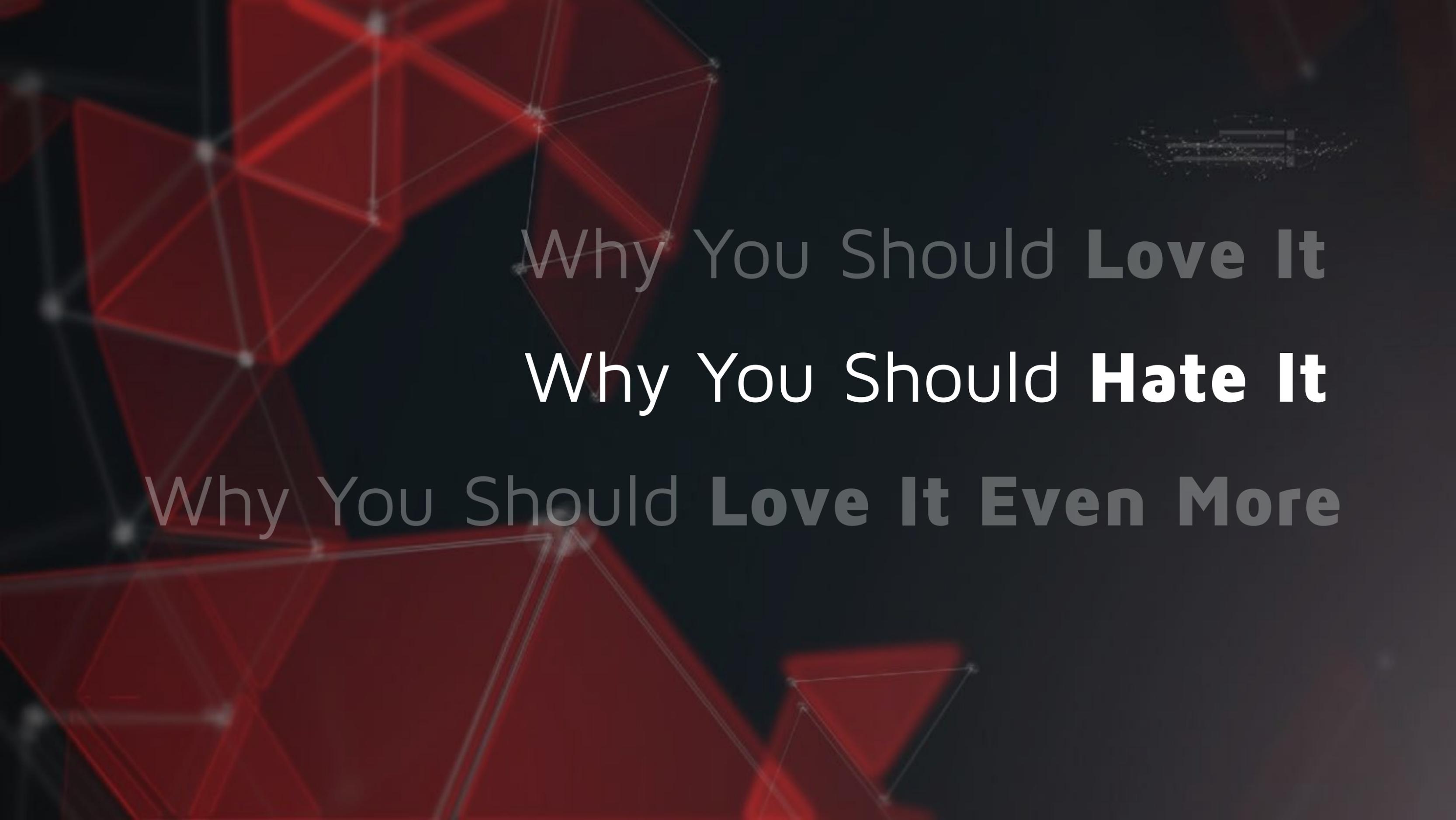
- ▶ A peacemaking life
Blessed are the peacemakers

IMAGINE A CERTAIN KIND OF LIFE

- ▶ A peacemaking life
Blessed are the peacemakers
- ▶ A persecuted life
Blessed are the persecuted

IMAGINE A CERTAIN KIND OF LIFE

- ▶ A peacemaking life
Blessed are the peacemakers
- ▶ A persecuted life
Blessed are the persecuted
- ▶ A life insulted because of Jesus
Blessed are you when you are persecuted
because of me



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"The most charitable reaction to such people is to assume that they have never read the Sermon."

JOHN STOTT

"My own introduction to the Sermon on the Mount as a child in Sunday School had been accompanied by pastel poster illustrations of Jesus sitting, like a patient Mister Rogers, on a green hillside surrounded by eager, pink children. It had never occurred to me either to be angry or to turn away from such a scene."

VIRGINIA STEM OWENS

Student Comments:

"I did not like the essay 'Sermon the Mount.' It was hard to read and made me feel like I had to be perfect and no one is."

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Student Comments:

"The things asked in this sermon are absurd. To look at a woman is adultery? That is the most extreme, stupid, un-human statement that I have ever heard."

VIRGINIA STEM OWENS

"At this point I began to be encouraged. There is something exquisitely innocent about not realizing you shouldn't call Jesus stupid. This was the real thing, a pristine response to the gospel, unfiltered through a two-millennia cultural haze. ...

VIRGINIA STEM OWENS

... I find it strangely heartening that, except for the young man who found the Sermon on the Mount a guide to good manners, the Bible remains offensive to honest, ignorant ears, just as it was in the first century."

VIRGINIA STEM OWENS

"Be perfect, as your
heavenly Father is perfect."

MATTHEW 5:48



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"Through the whole Bible, the word blessed means to be favored and envied. People who were blessed were people like David or people like Joshua, people who have God's favor and therefore were envied because they were God's heroes and were emulated. And suddenly, when you get to the Beatitudes, this profile should be that of a hero, of somebody we emulate or aspire to be like. ...

IAIN DUGUID - "THE HERO OF HEROES"

... But this is a strange hero. Poor in spirit?
Mourning? Meek? Hungering and Thirsting?
It is strange until you realize they are talking
about a hero. But before the Beatitudes
describe you and me, it describes...**Him.**"

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