



Enemies: Defeating Those Against You!

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A stylized graphic featuring a silhouette of a man in a military uniform saluting. The silhouette is dark brown with a textured, weathered appearance. It is set against a background of the American flag, with the stars and stripes rendered in a similar textured, aged style. The man's right hand is raised to his forehead in a salute. The overall color palette is dominated by browns, oranges, and yellows, giving it a historical and solemn feel.

THANK YOU FOR SERVING OUR COUNTRY
VETERANS DAY

THE
UNREASONABLE
JESUS



BECOMING THE PERSON
HE MADE YOU TO BE

A young boy with light hair and blue eyes, wearing a blue and white striped t-shirt and blue jeans, is sitting on a yellow toy car. He has a worried or sad expression on his face. A large, brown, cloud-like thought bubble is positioned above his head, containing white text. The background is a soft-focus outdoor scene with green grass and trees, suggesting a park or backyard setting.

I began struggling with getting even as soon as I realized that baby was not leaving!

Matthew 5:43-48

**“You have heard
the law that says,
'Love your neighbor'
and hate your enemy.**

Matthew 5:43-48

**But I say, love your
enemies! Pray for those
who persecute you!**

Matthew 5:43-48

In that way, you will be acting as true children of your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5:43-48

For he gives his sunlight to both the evil and the good, and he sends rain on the just and the unjust alike.

Matthew 5:43-48

If you love only those who love you, what reward is there for that? Even corrupt tax collectors do that much.

Matthew 5:43-48

If you are kind only to your friends, how are you different from anyone else? Even pagans do that.

Matthew 5:43-48

**But you are to be perfect,
even as your Father in
heaven is perfect.**

Love Your Enemies





As a Christ Follower

you have

God's Spirit

living within you



**Jesus has promised to
prepare you for &
provide you with
the fullest, healthiest
and best life possible.**

Enemy



Enemy

An individual or individuals who have moved from not liking you to attacking and striving to destroy your name, reputation, peace &/or physical well-being.

Why Love?



Why Love?

**God doesn't want your
present & future
surrendered to
something/someone who
hurt you in your past!**

Where do I start?



Pray

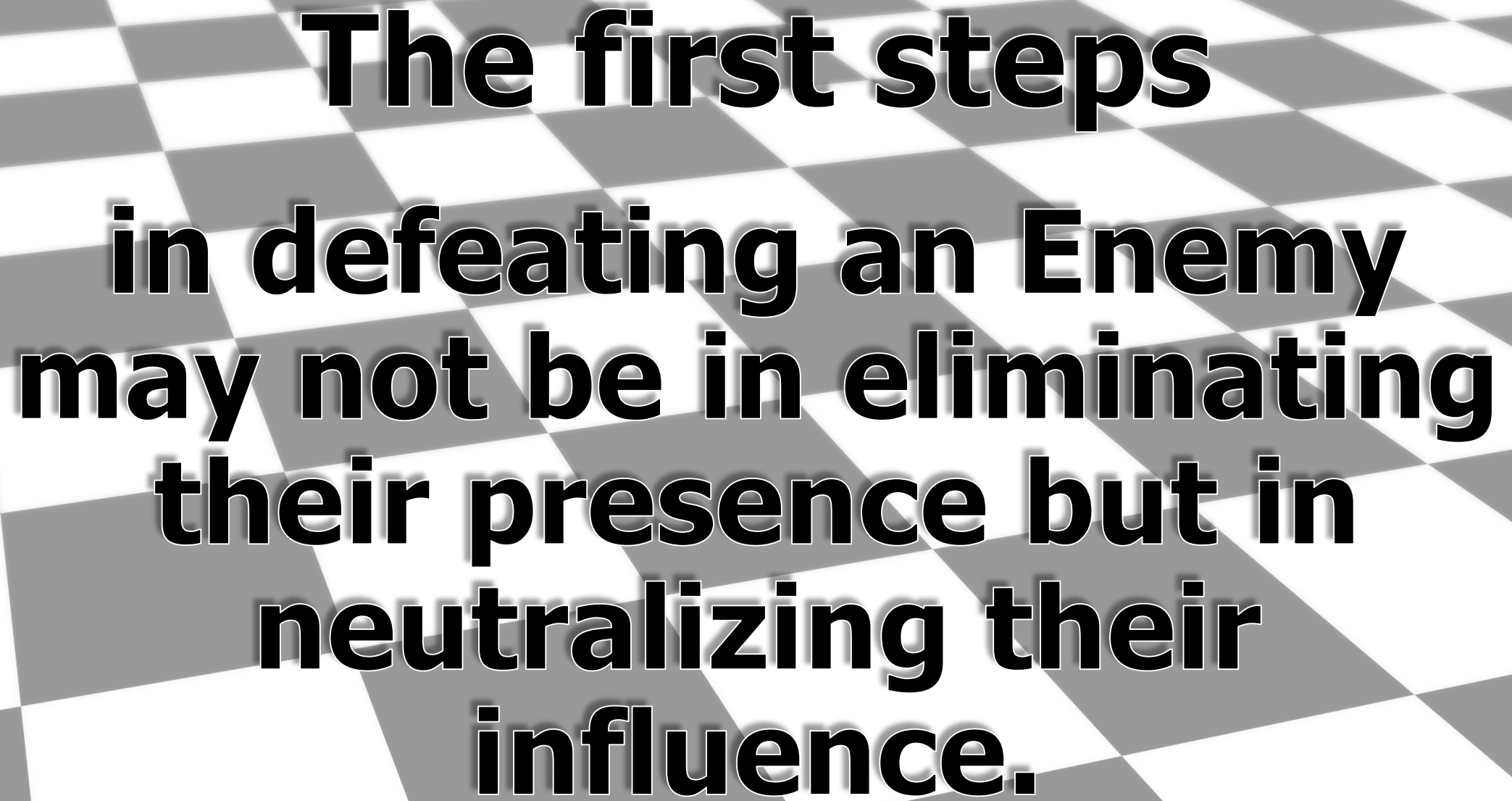
**Presenting the reality
of your struggle/hurt
before Jesus**



Forgive

**It begins the
healing process and
untangles your heart
from the control
of another.**





**The first steps
in defeating an Enemy
may not be in eliminating
their presence but in
neutralizing their
influence.**



#1ststeps