

## Put a Little Honey on It

### Supernatural Love

The best way to lose an enemy is to treat him like a friend. That is logical. You can make a friend out of a person by a positive reaction to a negative situation. When you show kindness in your reaction, the fruit of the Spirit is displayed. But not so much in positive situations, because any old “crank” can do that.

*Crank*: an irritable, eccentric, or ill-natured person; a fanatic; a complainer; a grouch; a grump.

Mt 5:43-48; Ps 69 — Our Master, as well as King David, experienced misunderstanding. People misunderstood Him. He experienced ingratitude, people who weren't thankful. He experienced rejection, but how did He react? How did He respond to the negative situation? He was never bitter. He was never discouraged, He was never overcome, and He never sulked. Do you ever sulk?

Every obstacle for our Master was an opportunity to overcome. We are overcomers. Is it normal or abnormal to overcome? Is it supernatural or natural? We are all going to be overcomers. To *not* be an overcomer is unnatural for us; it is not normal for believers who trust. There is an opportunity for every obstacle. When our Master was shown hatred, He saw it as an opportunity to show kindness and love in return.

### Critical Analysis

How a man reacts when things are beyond his control, or when things are out of control, is what he is known by. How do we react when we are criticized?

*Constructive criticism is when I criticize you.*

*Destructive criticism is when you criticize me.*

Is that right? Is that how it always is? “What are you doing talking about me? What about you?” Whether criticism is just or unjust, a person shows his true character, his true self, by how he responds or reacts.

The best way to lose your enemy is to treat him like a friend, and a friend loves at all times, in all circumstances. In all of our relationships and circumstances with others, we should be quick to show mercy and slow to demand justice. So many of us are quick to demand justice.

### **The Golden Rule**

When we are tempted to react as people in the world do, or how we do sometimes, or how we used to, we must realize that everyone we meet is in some kind of a battle. A hard struggle is going on in them, and they are going through similar things as you are. Why not apply at that time what we have learned all of our lives as the golden rule? *Treat others how you would like to be treated.*

“Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.” That is a command. If we obey our Master’s commandment, it means that we love Him, and He will reveal Himself to us. That is the golden rule, and to love Him is to obey Him. He said that anyone who obeys Him loves Him, and anyone who loves Him obeys Him. We want to obey Him. If we don’t obey His commands, it means that we are liars. We are saying that we know our Master, but the truth is not in us. If we obey Him, we will never see or taste death. We will die, but we will never see or taste death.

There are people today who are lonely; they have been hurt and misunderstood. A sure indication that a person hurts inside is what he says, and how he says it on the outside. That is an indication of how he has been misunderstood, how lonely and hurt he is. People may hurt you, but what they say and do shows they are really hurt themselves. There is something going on inside them.

Don’t ever prejudge a person, but judge yourself first. If someone reacts to you and irritates you, make sure that you don’t do back to them what they are doing to you. Reacting in a positive way will produce a better result.

## Go All the Way

Gal 5:22 — This is our daily life in the Community. Sometimes, people are hungry and they need spiritual food. When they are hungry, they become irritable toward you. Give them a piece of bread with some olive oil on it. That is showing kindness when you give them a piece of bread. But while you're at it, why not spread a little honey on it? That would be like *loving-kindness*. The bread is *kindness*, but with honey on it, it is *loving-kindness*.

We need to have not just kindness, but loving-kindness. He has loving-kindness towards us. His loving-kindness is better than life. Showing loving-kindness would be the right reaction; it would be walking as He walked, doing what He did. Who else should we imitate more than Him? He said, "Do unto others what you would have others do unto you." So let's spread a little honey on the bread.

*Kindness*: bread with olive oil.

*Loving-kindness*: put a little honey on it. (That's going all the way down.)

"The best way to lose an enemy is to treat him like a friend."

**Baruch** — We can count so many things that happen to us as opportunities. We should consider it all joy when we encounter various trials. To really embrace it, we have to have vision about it. Why would we have joy when we encounter a trial? It's not talking about after you get through the trial, but it's when you come up to the trial. We can consider it joy if we see it as an opportunity to love. I think that this has something to do with the Tribe of Benjamin, how we are those coals from the fire. Under pressure is when you can really tell whether it's going to become a diamond or just a lump of coal. By the way we respond it becomes clear whether we are sparkling or not.

**Ahavah Rishonah** — Jn 13:34-35 — We are to love the way Yahshua loved. That is a love that keeps on going, despite the response of the one we are loving. If we try to love someone, but there is a response that we aren't expecting, we might want to draw back a little bit, but it says that we should love even as He loved. Yahshua would just keep on loving. He kept on going. He put the honey on the bread, and then He would serve it

with some bananas and a cup of maté. There is no end to His loving-kindness.

Sometimes, I can show love, but it's only my own love if it is limited. If I display Yahshua, then it is limitless. In Yahshua's love, I can use this opportunity, and go further, and then see that opportunity, and go further still — because Yahshua kept on going. He never stopped when He didn't get the right response. He kept on loving.

All men will know that we are His disciples if we display Yahshua, because anybody can love someone who is lovely, but Yahshua is the only One who has limitless love. We have thousands of opportunities in a day that we can love like that. I want to really see them as opportunities and respond to them. That is how we can win our enemies' hearts, if we show them Yahshua.

There is no better place in the world than in the Community for that.

**Zahav** — We can consider it all joy when we go through trials, because those are the times that we have the opportunity to represent our Father to people. What glory does it bring to our Father if you respond kindly when you are treated justly? But it's when you are treated unjustly and you respond kindly that it brings glory to our Father. Our own love is limited. Some people meditate, or take self-help courses, or have different philosophies that teach them to have control of themselves, but all that does is keep things inside until the point that they undergo pressure and then “snap.” In Yahshua, we are emptied out, and then all we have is to represent our Father.

When a diamond is formed, it doesn't really speak to you about how it must have really been wonderful ashes. None of us can take ashes and squeeze them together in our hands and make a diamond. What a diamond exhibits is the incredible force that must have taken place to turn it into a diamond.

When we are experiencing trials, and our Father comes forth from us, then we are like dead men. We don't hang on to our own lives, no matter how we're treated. It is about our Father's kingdom advancing on the earth, and His love being shown. Then people will acknowledge that our Father is in our midst, and they will understand that they have encountered something that humans can't do by themselves. You can't have that kind of reaction in your own strength.

Our Master never ran away screaming for His own life, trying to get away from the pressure. His simple reactions caused people to fall down — it wasn't an ordinary man that they had encountered. I want to be that

same way, that when I am pushed to the very edge, my own life doesn't matter, but it's our Father's love that matters.

**Ishah Ruth** — A friend loves at all times. You can tell who a person is by how he reacts. So many times, I want to be kind, but I see that I can betray my friends because I don't overcome, and I treat my friends unkindly. I can act like a friend, but it's when I am tested that it shows whether or not I am really a friend. It makes me want to be real, and have our Father's love. We can be kind, but without His love, it isn't the kindness of our Master Yahshua. Kindness without love is not what speaks to people. I want to be a friend who loves at all times.

Whoever has been shown the most mercy shows the most mercy. Whoever has been forgiven much loves much, as our Master said.

**Aquilla** — When you give someone some bread with olive oil on it, it is good. It really relaxes them, and changes the atmosphere. But if you put honey on the bread, it just thrusts you into a totally different realm, and sets you free, and you have total abandonment of yourself.

Overcoming is a lot greater and a lot narrower than where I am at right now. I want to be there, I want to strive to be at that place. Our Master didn't react — He spread the honey on the bread, and kept doing it. I want to be like that. He made friends. He didn't think about Himself.

I just want to jump over there, and be where that honey is being spread, without reserve. We must not have any reserve. If you are just doing it a little bit, you can slip right back into being critical, and think that everybody else is criticizing you. Our Father wants us to go all of the way.

Unless a grain of wheat falls into the soil and dies, it remains alone — without any friends, separated and divided. He wants us to die so that we will be where He is. He is loving, and loving, and loving, and giving, and giving, and giving, and He does not take any offense. We have a place to go to — where He is. I want to be there.

The first victory that all overcomers have to conquer is themselves. That is the first victory that we have to win: the victory over ourselves, and *then* we can have victory over other things. We have to be in control of ourselves.

Have you ever been in deep thought, and your wife, or child, or brother, comes to you about some trite, insignificant thing? You have to take control of yourself, and not say, "Don't bother me! Can't you see that I am in deep thought?" You see people who

throw their hands up in the air when they are a little irritated. That is a bad reaction. It is according to our attitude. We have to have the same attitude as our Master.

We ought to be sensitive when we see people in deep thought, and not think that we are the only one who has anything important on our mind. We have to be considerate. We all have important things to do.

Sometimes, we can be on our computer, or studying, and our children come up to us, and we don't even notice them. We don't even know that they exist. That is really evil. It is really bad if we don't even look at them. We can't be so important or in such deep thought that we don't notice our wife, or our husband, or our children when they come. We have to be the willing sacrifice, and we need to have a positive reaction in a negative situation.