



∞ Week 5 ∞

This weeks focus scripture: Romans 12:17-21

This weeks memory challenge: Romans 12:18 *If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.*

∞ Message Notes ∞

† The Incredibles
Matthew 5:11-12

† The Empire Strikes Back
Romans 12:17a

† Mission Impossible
Romans 12:17b

† Mission Impossible II
Romans 12:18

† The Avenger's Endgame
Romans 12:19

† A Simple Plan
Romans 12:20-21

∞ Study and Reflection ∞

† **Day 1:** In this week's scripture, we see God calling us to express His goodness, His nature, when we encounter conflict and opposition. Read Matthew 5:11-12. How are we 'blessed' when we face the opposition Jesus describes?

How can we 'rejoice and be glad' in these circumstances? What is our source, in life right now, to authentically have joy when we are treated unjustly?

Can you think of such a time in your life? Describe how you experienced (or didn't) God's blessings in that circumstance.

† **Day 2:** In Romans 12:17, Paul exhorts us not to “repay evil for evil.” How are you tempted this way in your daily life? Why is this command so incredibly important in our relationships, and ultimately to our society?

† **Day 3:** Paul goes on to say “be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone.” What was Pastor Ethan’s assertion of what Paul means by this?

What does this look like in real life? Why is it so important for us- as followers of Christ- to be aware of how our actions impact those around us? (This is a very important question- really give it prayerful thought!)

† **Day 4:** Read Romans 12:19. Why is revenge such a tempting reaction when people hurt us? What does it look like to ‘leave room’ for God to work when we find ourselves in this dynamic?

What does Paul mean when he talks about God’s wrath, about God ‘avenging’? How has God repaid and avenged OUR sin against Him?

† **Day 5:** Read Romans 12:20-21. What is the meaning of ‘heaping burning coals’ on your enemies head? What is the *heart*, the motivation, that God is calling us to here?

Thinking of your own life, is there a time when you know you were overcome by evil? What did God teach you through this experience? Likewise, was there a time when God used you to overcome evil with His goodness? How were these situations different in what happened?