

• **Cultivate** _____.

"I'm challenging you. I'm telling you to love your enemies. Let them bring out the best in you, not the worst. When someone gives you a hard time, respond with prayer...If all you do is love the lovable, do you expect a bonus? Anybody can do that." – Matthew 5:44,46

Memory Verse

"Dear friends, since God loved us that much, we surely ought to love each other." – 1 John 4:11

MY NEXT STEP TODAY IS TO:

- Memorize 1 John 4:11.
- Respond with Jesus' love to the difficult people in my life this week.
- Receive information on The Journey's Baptism next Sunday.
- Pray for and attend The Journey's special combined service next Sunday (May 7) at the Marriott Marquis.

*Join us next Sunday for a special combined 11:30am service at the Marriott Marquis on Broadway @ 46th St.

Topic: "Developing a Balanced Life"



"Dealing with Difficult People"

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"Do your part to live in peace with everyone, as much as possible."
– Romans 12:18

The Story of Zacchaeus the Tax Collector (Luke 19:1-10)

WHEN FACED WITH A DIFFICULT PERSON, I SHOULD...

• **Consider** _____.

"So don't try to get out of anything prematurely. For when your endurance is fully developed, you will be strong in character and ready for anything." – James 1:4

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"And why worry about a speck in your friend's eye when you have a log in your own?"
– Matthew 7:3

- *Communicate* _____.

*"A gentle response defuses anger,
but a sharp tongue kindles a temper-fire."
– Proverbs 15:1*

- *Confront* _____.

*"For the spirit that God has given us does not make us timid; instead,
his Spirit fills us with power, love, and self-control."
– 2 Timothy 1:7*

*"But when the Holy Spirit controls our lives, he will produce this kind
of fruit in us: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness,
faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.
Here there is no conflict with the law."
– Galatians 5:22-23*

*"Come to terms quickly with your enemy before it is too late and
you are dragged into court, handed over to an officer, and thrown in
jail. I assure you that you won't be free again until
you have paid the last penny."
– Matthew 5:25-26*