

SESSION 6: **Supernaturally**
Overcoming the
evil aimed at YOU

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1. What did Jesus teach is to be our response when evil is aimed at us?

You have heard that it was said, "Love your neighbor and hate your enemy." But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5:43-45a (NIV)

- Jesus taught that we are never more like _____ than when we return good for evil.

2. How did Jesus model "the way" we are to respond to the evil aimed at us?

Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with him to be executed. When they came to place called the Skull, there they crucified him, along with the criminals— one on his right, the other on his left. Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One."

The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar and said, "If you are the king of Jews, save yourself."

Luke 23:32-37 (NIV)

- Not only did Jesus (the creator) allow those he created to kill him, he even forgave them for doing it.

Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.

Ephesians 4:32 (NASB)

3. What is Jesus saying to you about your response to someone who has hurt you deeply?

Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

Matthew 6:12-13 (NIV)

How do we get there?

- _____ - choice = a point in time decision
- _____ - a process = a journey of aligning our will and emotions
- _____ - a conclusion = rejoicing with their success



HUDDLE UP

1. Spend time sharing about any wound that you might still be carrying. How are you handling it? How does God want you to respond? How will you begin the forgiveness process?

Perhaps today's teaching has brought to the surface a painful situation you are facing right now. Don't be afraid to ask your fellow coaches for prayer. You don't have to share the details, but you need the prayer and support of Christian coaches. Spend whatever time is necessary to pray for those in your group who are dealing with relational wounds.

2. Read Ephesians 4:32 (NIV).
Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

How does understanding this verse help in forgiving someone who has hurt you?

3. Practically speaking, what does it look like to "bless" those who have hurt you?
4. If you are going to have a conversation with someone who has hurt you in the past, what are some precautions you should take?



MAKE A PLAY

1. If you have a wound that needs to be addressed, identify one trusted coach you can share this hurt with and ask him or her to walk with you.
2. If there is a person you need to forgive, make the choice today. Write it down with today's date. Share your decision with a fellow coach and ask for his or her prayer and support.
3. Read through an entire gospel (Matthew, Mark, Luke, or John) this week. Pay attention to the "way" Jesus lived and the implications for the "way" we are to live.
4. Set aside a block of time this week to reflect on the r12 Coach journey. Write down all the ways that this study has changed your perspective of the Christian life. Share your list with another coach or someone from your group this next week.

 **OVERTIME**

You can find Chip's brief answers to the following questions by going to www.r12coach.com.

1. What will happen if I just ignore any anger or hatred that I might have against someone?
2. How do I make something right with a person if the person has already died?
3. What are some practical ways that I can bless those that have been my enemies?



As an additional resource, you can purchase Chip Ingram's book, *Living on the Edge: Dare to Experience True Spirituality*. Read section 5: How to Overcome the Evil Aimed at You. This is an individual companion piece to the r12 resources, but it is not required for participation in the r12 Coach study.

*Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life.
No one comes to the Father except through me."*

John 14:6 (NIV)

THE COACH'S MANDATE

Pray as though nothing of eternal value is going to happen in my athletes' lives unless God does it.

Prepare each practice and game, giving my utmost for His highest.

Seek not to be served by my athletes for personal gain, but serve them as Christ served the church.

Be satisfied not with producing a winning record, but with producing winning athletes.

Attend carefully to my private and public walk with God, knowing that the athlete will never rise to a standard higher than that being lived by the coach.

Glorify Christ in my coaching, trusting the Lord will then draw athletes to Himself.

Desire to have a growing hunger for God's Word, a transformed heart and daily obedience.

Depend solely upon God for transformation, one athlete at a time.

Live out Christ's word in a Christ-like manner, on and off the field of competition.

Recognize that it is impossible to bring glory to both myself and Christ at the same time.

Allow my coaching to produce the fruit of the Spirit, thus producing athletes who are authentic followers of Christ.

Trust God to reveal to my athletes His chosen purposes, regardless of whether the wins are clearly visible.

Coach with humble gratitude, as one privileged to be God's coach.





A Romans 12 Guide
For Coaches To Live As
Authentic Disciples
of Jesus Christ

Being a genuine disciple of Christ flows out of a relationship with Him. It's about experiencing God's grace, not earning His love through performance. Coaches have a platform to influence their teams, communities, and even the world. The issue is, how will coaches use this influence? What does it look like to be a coach that has a huge impact and leaves a legacy? This series will bring TRUE spirituality into focus and help you be an authentic Christian coach.

r12 Coach

Romans 12 provides a picture of how an authentic disciple of Jesus Christ lives out his or her faith...

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| Surrendered to God | Romans 12:1 |
| Separate from the world | Romans 12:2 |
| Sober in self-assessment | Romans 12:3-8 |
| Serving in love | Romans 12:9-13 |
| Supernaturally responding to evil with good | Romans 12:14-21 |



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