

SERMON NOTES FOR SUNDAY – AUGUST 23, 2009  
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**TITLE:** “Victory Over Your Enemies”

**TEXT:** Matthew 5:11-16

**INTRODUCTION:** The teaching of Jesus (Matthew 5:11-12)  
The teaching of Paul (Romans 12:18-20)

Two possibilities surround this subject .....

1. People attack us without provocation
2. We make enemies by resentment and immature attitudes

I: TWO WAYS OF DEALING WITH YOUR ENEMIES

1. The wrong way – Haman in the book of Esther
2. The right way – Joseph and his brothers in Genesis 50

(Jacob DeShazer, one of General Jimmy Doolittle’s flyers and his tormentor, Captain Kato)

II: ONE WAY OF READING THE BIBLE – BELIEVE IT!

Out of the pressure of circumstances ... the pressure of people ... GOD WORKS!

- a) Theodore Steinway
- b) Alexander Solzhentisyn

**CONCLUSION:** Who do you need to forgive? What is keeping you from acting like Jesus?

Verse of the day: “If we confess our sins ... He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins.....”  
(I John 1:9). Confession opens our lives to God and gives Him a chance to work in us.