

# CrossWalk NOTES

## Blockbuster Wanted

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<sup>9</sup>Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. <sup>10</sup>Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves. <sup>11</sup>Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. <sup>12</sup>Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. <sup>13</sup>Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality. <sup>14</sup>Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. <sup>15</sup>Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. <sup>16</sup>Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited. <sup>17</sup>Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everybody. <sup>18</sup>If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. <sup>19</sup>Do not take revenge, my friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written; "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. <sup>20</sup>On the contrary: "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head." <sup>21</sup>Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. (Romans 12:9-21, NIV)

### 1. Revenge does not have to be your destiny

because love \_\_\_\_\_ revenge!

*For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false testimony, slander. (Matthew 15:19, NIV)*

*For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more. (Jeremiah 31:33, NIV)*

*We love because he first loved us. (1 John 4:19, NIV)*

### 2. God's love \_\_\_\_\_ us to love Him in return.

*Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. (v. 10)*

*Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited. (v. 10, 15-16)*

*May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus, so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. (Romans 15: 5-6, NIV)*

### 3. God's love \_\_\_\_\_ to our brothers and sisters in the faith.

<sup>13</sup>Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality. (v. 13)

*The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.' (Matthew 26:40, NIV)*

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### 4. God's love \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ people.

#### **My next steps in the "Cross-Walk":**

- Apply God's forgiving love to yourself & then let that love flow to others around you.
- Make a conscious effort to pray for, befriend, or help someone you consider your enemy.
- Meditate on and memorize Romans 12:17-18