

The title of today's message is: **"Everyone Has, a Somebody"**

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Grace and peace to you from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

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How many times have we heard this?

How many sermons have you heard on love. Yet, in spite of this some of us have someone we think we just cannot love or even forgive.

As the comedian who jested. "There are people in this world who do not love one another, and I "hate" people like that!"

Yes, some of us has a "somebody", somewhere, sometime, in some place or situation, we are unable to love and forgive.

There was a great example of this, just a couple of Saturday nights ago. A comedian at the annual White House corresponded dinner.

This comedian spoke of another woman in a very bad way belittling her in front of many. Maybe you heard the hate coming out of this comedian's mouth.

Look, there are many times in a day when I pray, "Lord, teach me to love my neighbor as You loved me.

Yet when I experienced, in her own voice what she had said, I didn't have Christian thoughts. I got so angry I forgot to love my neighbor, and forgive.

Now, my lack of faith grew stronger as I watched more and more reports on this issue.

I was appalled, angered and I hurt for the woman who was disrespected. How mean and ugly this person was, she showed so much hatred.

However, God kept telling me, "Love thy neighbor." I prayed and asked for forgiveness, and God forgave me, right then and there.

Making it easy for me to forgive this woman and pray for her that God would lead her in a different walk.

We no more than think we have ourselves under control, following God's commands. When our "somebody" pops out of nowhere.

Were pushed until our sinful self comes out and spills over. And yes, my thoughts were sinful in God's sight.

So as you can see, I met my "somebody", and lost the battle. I was the real "somebody" here, not this comedian.

How about you? Is your "somebody" a relative who did you wrong? Or perhaps a neighbor, a friend, your boss at work, or a fellow worker?

Who is the "somebody" in your life, think about it; and like me, maybe the somebody in your life is you yourself.

Regardless of others shortcomings, Jesus said to His disciples as well as you and I here today: **Love each other as I have loved you.**

But we reply, Lord! not all those we show love to, love us, they resent our jesters of love.

Like when we try to help someone, we only receive the proverbial kick in the britches for our efforts.

For example, a physician told of his performing an act of love. He said, an indigent skid-row person was seriously injured when hit by a car.

Being he was on call, for the Hospital he worked, he was called in. For 48 hours he never left the bedside of this man.

He never slept, ignoring completely his own busy practice. His constant care and God given skill saved this man from certain death.

But was the man grateful. No way, he slapped a \$50,000 malpractice suit on the doctor because one of his fingers remained stiff after recovery!

And who wants to love just to be hurt in return? Answer me this: if we are such great "lovers."

Why do we end up hurting the very ones we love, you know, those who we promised to never hurt?

My friends, were all failures at love in some way or another, and its because there's always a "somebody in our life."

There are three types of people who fail to be loving in their relationships. There the "dominators, door-mats, and double talkers."

Dominators are people who move into a situation and take it over. They must talk constantly, having your total attention.

And in the process, people are hurt and even damaged. Like the lawyer everyone honored and held in highest esteem.

One day he went to a psychiatrist and said, "I'm very unhappy. Everyone bows down and honors me, yet my wife, she treats me like garbage."

"That's easy," said the doctor. "Forget who you are, go home, and begin a new loving relationship with your wife."

"I don't want that," he said. "I want my wife to treat me like I'm her boss."

"Well, the doctor said, If you want to be the boss, then act like a boss."

"Do you think that will work?" he asked, "Sure, go home and try it." That evening the lawyer went home and barged through the door.

He said to his wife, fix my dinner! Draw my bath! Lay out my tuxedo, and shine my shoes! Tonight were going out.

Look, God's love gave us life, and He made us so that we can enjoy His creation with Him.

If you built the most beautiful mansion in the world, what enjoyment would there be to walk through it alone, no one to share its beauty with.

Not only did God create us to enjoy His creation with Him, but He also gave us the ability to choose whether or not to enjoy it.

That's right, we can even chose to ignore God's love for us, saying No thanks God, I'll just enjoy your creation without You.

For many, their disobedience, and sin, has abruptly ended this love story. They have in essence divorced themselves from God.

And once divorced, there's no way back for them. And there's nothing they can do, when they agonize over their disobedience and sin.

They begin to see, in agonizing reality, their relationship with God seeing its been cast adrift and shipwrecked.

That's a brutal ending to a love story. That is, if that's the end. But it doesn't have to be, God's still a lover who loves even the un-lovable.

Paul said in Romans chapter 5: **You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly.**

That's right while we all are sinners, Jesus, our savior still died for us, in order to give us all a chance at salvation.

Christ died for this very reason, He died so that the ending doesn't have to be brutal. He died to forgive us, giving us a good ending to this love story.

Look, the cross of Jesus falls like a bridge across the bottomless canyon of our sin and our separation from God.

The cross, combined with the Word of God, illustrates and demonstrates His great love for you and me.

And when we realize God's great love for us, then and only then, can we heed God's command to: **Love each other as I have loved you.**

Then, we will discover that everyone does indeed have a "somebody", but it's a "somebody" within us, that needs love, not anger.

Amen

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all. Amen.