

Sermon Handout: Our Father, Week 4
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Central Church of Christ

Contrast (Part 2)
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Main Points:

1. **Be Trustworthy and Reliable:** True disciples of Jesus keep their word. Our faithfulness should reflect God's faithfulness.
2. **Seek Justice, Not Retaliation:** Avoid personal vengeance; trust God to bring justice. Balance between defending oneself and suffering for faith.
3. **Love Unconditionally:** Love even your enemies, just as God loves us. Engage with those who sin against us to reconcile them through the Gospel.

Bottom Line: God's children are trustworthy, just, and love unconditionally like their perfect Father.

Application:

- Reflect on how your life aligns with Jesus' teachings.
- Seek forgiveness and guidance from the Holy Spirit to make necessary adjustments.
- Practice being trustworthy, just, and loving in all your relationships.

Remember: We are all in this together. In the Church, we find accountability and help to stay true to the values taught to us by Christ. Share your struggles and celebrate your successes together as God's children.

Family Discussion Questions:

1. How can we ensure that our words and actions align with each other?
2. Why is it important for Christians to be seen as trustworthy?
3. What are some ways we can seek justice without seeking personal revenge?
4. How can we rely on God's justice in difficult situations?
5. What does it mean to love our enemies in practical terms?
6. How can we show unconditional love in our daily interactions?

Scripture References: Exodus 22:26–27; Exodus 23:4–5; Leviticus 19:12; Leviticus 24:19–22; Deuteronomy 15:10–11; Proverbs 25:21–22; Matthew 5:21–48; John 3:16; Romans 5:8, 10; Romans 12:17–19; 1 Peter 2:21, 23–24