

# The Christian Literature

by K.P. Yohannan

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*The sermon illustrates the transformative power of Christ's love through the actions of a missionary who chose to love his oppressor in a time of need.*

**Scripture:** Matthew 5:44, Luke 6:35, John 15:12, Romans 5:8, 1 Corinthians 13:4-7, Galatians 5:22-23, Ephesians 4:32, Colossians 3:13, 1 Peter 3:9, 1 John 4:19

**Topics:** "Forgiveness", "Love"

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## Description

K.P. Yohannan shares a powerful story of a missionary in India who exemplified Christ's love by caring for a man who had opposed him and harmed the local church. After the man suffered a severe accident and was abandoned by his friends, the missionary and his congregation selflessly provided for his medical needs and helped him recover. This act of love transformed the man's heart, leading him to acknowledge the reality of Jesus' love through the missionary's actions. Yohannan challenges listeners to reflect on their ability to love those who oppose or hurt them, emphasizing that true love comes from Christ and is made possible through His grace.

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## Transcript

One of our missionaries in India showed incredible love for a man in a remarkable way. While working in a particular village for a couple of years, this missionary was continually opposed by one certain man. The man would adamantly hinder the missionary as he preached the Gospel and won people to Christ, even gathering groups of people to destroy the Christian literature and beat up the believers in the village.

One day, the man who opposed our missionary and the local church had a horrible accident in which both of his legs were broken. Deserted by all his friends, he lay in his hut, penniless and without help.

When our missionary found out about this man's accident, he didn't let out a sigh of relief, glad that this man could no longer oppose him in his work of the Gospel. Instead, our missionary decided to seize this opportunity to show the love of Christ to the very one who opposed him. He called together the believers in the village, and each donated a few rupees to pay for the man's hospital visit. Then our missionary visited him in his hut and carried him on his back for seven kilometers to the main road, where they caught a Jeep to the hospital.

After a month, the injured man fully recovered from his accident. The first thing he said when he saw the missionary was, "I cannot persist. I cannot oppose you anymore. Jesus and His love, which I have seen

and experienced through you and your church members, are so real. Thank you so much for loving me even when I hated you and hated Christ."

This, my friends, is the love of Christ in action. Remember, "God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8).

Could you love like this? Could you love the one who has hurt you deeply? Could you love the one who is opposing you? When you feel that doing so is simply impossible, remember Christ. Look to Him and allow Him to take you by the hand and give you the grace to love like Him. We can love others only because He first loved us (see 1 John 4:19). Genuine love comes from Him; as we stand in His presence, it will flow from us as well.

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