



## MAD AT THEM

### Key Scripture

*Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.*

Colossians 4:5-6

### God shines through us when we embody grace

1. Have an eternal perspective

*Regard no one from a worldly point of view.*

2 Corinthians 5:16

2. Keep growing in Christ

*If anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!*

2 Corinthians 5:17

3. Share Jesus with others

*We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us.*

2 Corinthians 5:20

### Opening thought

Whether it's about politics, religion, or what kind of drink you like, the temptation to draw lines, oppose others, and perpetuate unhelpful distinctions is constant. But God has not called us to a life of division; he has called us to a ministry of reconciliation. We need to remember that our mission is not to win arguments; our mission is to share the life giving power of Jesus with the world.

### For personal reflection or group discussion.

On a scale of 1-10, how well do you see the people around you embodying grace in their interactions? Do you see any difference between face to face conversations and social media engagement?

When was the last time you were angry? What caused it?

### Dig into Scripture.

Read Colossians 4:5-6. What do you notice about this passage? How do you imagine a conversation full of grace?

Read Proverbs 15:1. What do you think gives power to the gentle word? To the harsh word?

Read 2 Corinthians 5:17-20. What does the call to be an ambassador of reconciliation mean to you? How would implementing the wisdom of the previous two passages influence your ability to encourage reconciliation?

### Next Steps

What can you do to develop an eternal perspective?

What are some of your spiritual goals? Do you have a plan to achieve them?

Who has the Lord placed in your life that needs to experience the life giving power of Jesus?