

UNEXPECTED REACTION

Sticks and Stones – Part 1

ON TV: An **over-reaction**

ON TV: It's the ability of saying what's **right** and **helpful**, in spite of what happened or how we've been treated.

ON TV: Our reactions reveal what's on the **inside** of us and tells the **rest of the story** because actions speak louder than words. Reactions tell the **whole** story.

ON TV: Our **unexpected** reactions are often what make the stories we tell worth telling.

ON TV/OUTLINE: *"38 You have heard that it was said, 'Eye for eye and tooth for tooth.' 39 But I tell you, do not resist an evil person. If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also."*
Matthew 5:38-39

ON TV/OUTLINE: *"41 If anyone forces you to go one mile, go with them two miles. 42 Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you."* Matthew 5:41-42

ON TV/OUTLINE: *"43 You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy. 44 But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you."* Matthew 5:43-44

ON TV/OUTLINE: *"43 You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' 44 But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you 45 that you may be children of your father in heaven..."*
Matthew 5:43-45a

ON TV: How is everybody going to know what our Heavenly father is like by how we're following Him?

ON TV: It's by our **not overreacting** when things don't go our way.

ON TV/OUTLINE: *"If you love those who love you, what recognition will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that?"* Matthew 5:46

ON TV: Our reactions should give us away that we are Christ Followers.

ON TV/OUTLINE: *"And if you welcome only your own people what are you doing **more than** others?"*
Matthew 5:47

ON TV: What would it look like in those moments to **react like our Heavenly Father**?

ON TV/OUTLINE: *"Be perfect as your Heavenly Father is perfect."* Matthew 5:48

ON TV: Because God, our Heavenly Father is a **more than** Heavenly Father.

ON TV/OUTLINE: *"Let your light shine in such a way that people see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."* Matthew 5:16

ON TV: What would **amazing** look and sound like?

ON TV: What would it look like, and sound like to **reflect** and **react** like our Heavenly Father?

ON TV/OUTLINE: *"I want you to love other people the way I have loved you. And when you do, you will be sons and daughters of your Father in Heaven."* John 15:12