

Worship Guide

SUMMER ON THE MOUNT

You have heard that it was said, “An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.” But I say to you, do not resist the one who is evil. But if anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also. And if anyone would sue you and take your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. And if anyone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles. Give to the one who begs from you, and do not refuse the one who would borrow from you. — Matthew 5:38-42

There must be a reason Jesus is asking us to take up this way of living.

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In the sermon on the mount, Jesus is setting the stage for something new.

Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets... — Matt 5:17

I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. — Matt 5:17

Jesus didn't come to change the rules, He came to pay all the penalties.

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Fairness = The punishment is proportionate to the crime.

We can't hold onto fairness and the Father at the same time.

Grace = Our mercy is proportionate to our Savior.

Grace is an undeserved gift.

Four Categories:

Wounded

Stolen From

Taken Advantage Of

Pressured

Jesus asks us to show grace to those who have wounded, stolen from, taken advantage of, or pressured us.

Three Options:

Justice

Giving In

Grace

Slapping them back is justice.

Doing nothing is giving in.

Offering the other cheek is grace.

Fighting to keep your shirt is justice.

Letting them have it is giving in.

Offering your coat is grace.

Refusing to carry their gear is justice.

Going the required mile is giving in.

Going a second mile is grace.

Keeping your money is justice.

Lending it is giving in.

Not trying to get it back is grace.

We can remove someone's ability to take from us, without removing our opportunity to give to them.

What's been done to us doesn't dictate what comes from us.

Stop demanding justice; start dispensing grace.

Who is the person?

What is the boundary?

Where is the grace?

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