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February 15, 2026 - What Jesus calls us to do when we are insulted, sued, coerced and begged - Matthew 5:38-42



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Isaiah 53:4-6 ESV

“Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities;...”

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♪ In Christ Alone

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♪ Only A Holy God



- Today's Sermon -

What Jesus calls us to do when we are insulted, sued, coerced and begged?

Matthew 5:38-42

The principle taught by teachers of the law to God's people.

Matthew 5:38

▮ **Matthew 5:38** ESV

“You have heard that it was said, ‘An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.’”

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▮ **Exodus 21:22-32** ESV

“When men strive together and hit a pregnant woman, so that her children come out, but there is no harm, the one who hit her shall surely be fined, as the woman's husband shall impose on him, and he shall pay as the judges determine. But if there is...”

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▮ **Leviticus 24:18-20** ESV

“Whoever takes an animal's life shall make it good, life for life. If anyone injures his neighbor, as he has done it shall be done to him, fracture for fracture, eye for eye, tooth for tooth; whatever injury he has given a person shall be given to...”

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Jesus demonstrates the values and morals of His kingdom by satisfying the principle of “eye for an eye” through His sacrifice on the cross, while urging followers to practice a love that does not retaliate and actively conquers evil by doing good.

First Example:

What does Jesus call us to do when someone insults us?
Matthew 5:39

Matthew 5:39 ESV

“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.”

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Romans 12:17–21 ESV

“Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written,...

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1 Peter 2:21–23 ESV

“For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when...

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Jesus' First Moral:

Don't take revenge for purely personal reasons, when nothing is ultimately at stake except our pride, our reputation, our so-called rights.

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Second Example:

What does Jesus call you to do when you are sued?
Matthew 5:40



Matthew 5:40 ESV

“And if anyone would sue you and take your tunic, let him have your cloak as well.”

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Exodus 22:26-27 ESV

“If ever you take your neighbor’s cloak in pledge, you shall return it to him before the sun goes down, for that is his only covering, and it is his cloak for his body; in what else shall he sleep? And if he cries to me, I will hear, for I am...”

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Romans 12:21 ESV

“Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.”

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Jesus' Second Moral:

Set aside personal rights and make sacrifices compatible with the nature and demands of Christ-like love. Do more than the law requires you to do.

Third Example:

What does Jesus call us to do when we are coerced to do something burdensome, degrading, demeaning, time consuming, not in our schedule?

Matthew 5:41

Matthew 5:41 ESV

“And if anyone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles.”

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Mark 15:21 ESV

“And they compelled a passerby, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to carry his cross.”

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Jesus' Third Moral:

Accept being taken advantage of for the gospel without frustration. Go above and beyond expectations, even when unfair

beyond expectations, even when unfair demands are made on your time or resources.

Fourth Example:

What does Jesus call us to do when people beg from us?

Matthew 5:42

Matthew 5:42 ESV

Give to the one who begs from you, and do not refuse the one who would borrow from you. ”

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2 Thessalonians 3:10-12 ESV

For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat. For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies. Now such persons we command and encourage in the... ”

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Proverbs 11:18 ESV

The wicked earns deceptive wages, but one who sows righteousness gets a sure reward. ”

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Jesus' Fourth Moral:

Show compassion and freely provide help to those who are experiencing hardship through no fault of their own.



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and Thursday mornings

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