

Summer on the Mount: The Steep Climb of Love

Matthew 5:38-48

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- 1 Corinthians 9:19-23

Being *FOR every Alaskan* will cost us every one of our preferences!

- John 10:10

Kingdom-minded people love differently — even when it costs them, even when it involves enemies!

The Problem: We're constantly tempted to descend to the way of the world . . .

The Solution involves making *the steep climb out*.

1) The Summit of Grace

- Matthew 5:38-42

The way you treat those around you reveals your proximity to Jesus

2) The Summit of Love

- Matthew 5:43-48

A) The Conventional Limit Vs. The Kingdom Call

Kingdom love isn't a warm, fuzzy feeling, it's an active choice to show kindness and to plead for the salvation and well-being of those who curse you

B) Reflecting the Father's Character

God the Father shows costly, indiscriminate love everyday

C) The Divine Standard

No one can achieve this kind of relentless love purely by willpower

Challenge *FOR every Alaskan*:

- 1) Start everyday this week with Psalm 51:12
- 2) In communion, approach the One who paid the ultimate price