



SESSION 2

Turn The Other Cheek?



YES • NO • MAYBE

NOTES

1. Never go to sleep angry. Stay up all night and plot your sweet revenge.
2. It is acceptable to retaliate, as long as it is nonviolent.
3. "Turning the other cheek" means that you have to allow yourself to be hurt, even after someone has hurt you before.
4. I'm the type of person who would "give the shirt off my back."
5. In our outreach, our church tries to "go the second mile."

DIG DEEP

TURN THE OTHER CHEEK?

- When you were growing up, how was this phrase used around you?

GIVE YOUR COAT AS WELL?

- How is this phrase typically used?

GO THE EXTRA MILE?

- How do people typically use this phrase?

READ Matthew 5:38-42 (NIV)

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. 40 And if anyone wants to sue you and take your shirt, hand over your coat as well. 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.

THE THIRD WAY - A Call To Resistance:

- ∞ What do you think Jesus meant when he said, "...do not resist an evil person..."? Does this mean nonresistance to evil?
 - Did Jesus resist evil? How?

DIG DEEP...CONTINUED

- **TURN THE OTHER CHEEK**

- « What “turning the other cheek” meant in Jesus’ day...

- **GIVE YOUR CLOAK AS WELL**

- « What it meant in Jesus’ day...

- « What might be a modern equivalent today?

- **GO THE SECOND MILE**

- » A infraction of military code. Who’s in charge now?

- « What does this say about Jesus’ commitment to helping people regain their dignity?

MY PRAYERS

1. Who is currently causing me to turn the other cheek, give my cloak or go the extra mile?
2. How am I standing for the dignity of those who are oppressed in my world?
3. What part of God’s character do I see more clearly now?