THE FIRST SERMON

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YES&NO

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. A punishment should equally fit the crime.

4. God's people were only intended to be combatants in the Old Testament times.

5. I can never be perfect.

DIG DEEP

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.

∞ What did Jesus mean when he said, "...do not resist an evil person..."? Does this mean nonresistance to evil?

- Did Jesus resist evil? How?

- **TURN THE OTHER CHEEK**
  - » What does it mean to turn the other cheek?
    - « What "turning the other cheek" meant in jesus' day...

- **GIVE YOUR CLOAK AS WELL**
  - » What does it mean to 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?

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DIG DEEP...CONTINUED

READ: Matthew 5:43-48 (NIV)
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. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. 46 If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? 47 And if you greet only your own people, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that? 48 Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

∞ How might this section directly relate to the previous section of Scripture?

» In context here, what do you think Jesus was trying to say when he said, "Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect"?

« How does this context change the interpretation that you might have heard before?

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TALK WITH GOD THIS WEEK ABOUT...

1. Who is currently causing me to turn the other cheek, give my cloak or go the extra mile?

2. How loving am I being to my enemies?

3. What part of God's character do I see more clearly now?

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