

Living the Life Jesus Has Called Me to Live

A series based on the Gospel of Matthew

Today: Living the God-Life in a God-Awful World

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In Matthew 5-8, you will find some of the most upside-down, revolutionary teachings known to man...at first glance, they don't make a whole lot of sense, and even veteran followers of Jesus struggle to apply them to real life gritty struggles. I've gotta be honest...this lesson is a hard one to live out!

We Live in a “Get Even” World, But Let’s Be Real...

We Want More than Even!

Jesus Abolishes an Ancient Law... to Establish a Harder One!

Matthew 5: 38-42

- *When was the last time you were insulted...humiliated...taken advantage of?*
- *Non-retaliation...mercy...holding onto our ‘stuff’ loosely...you got to be kidding!*

Love Your Enemies...Pray for Them...Be “Perfect”

Matthew 5: 43-48

- *Why would we ever do this?* (look at v. 45)
- The “common grace” of God is undeniable...*what would the world be like if we were in charge?*
- Hold on...one more sharp curve before we park...*did Jesus say for us to be “perfect”?*
 - Telios = fully developed, mature, fulfilling purpose
 - *What would that look like?* (see Genesis 1: 26)

Some Would Say Jesus is Unreasonable...*After All, Did He Live Like This?*