

Getting the Sermon on the Mount into My Soul

Human Retaliation and Revenge vs God's Redemption and Love

Matthew 5: 38-48

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The Law of “Lex Talionis”

“WWJD” Is More Than a Bracelet

- *When slapped or insulted?*
- *When “taken to court” and accused falsely?*
- *When someone with “power” made His life difficult?*
- *When someone had a need He could meet?*

Jesus Destroys the Neighbor/Enemy Barrier in One Sentence

- *This was one of Jesus’ most repeated themes... “neighbor”*

Jesus Challenges Us to Embrace One of the Father’s Greatest Traits

- *Wanting good even for our enemies reflects the character of God...*

“Be Perfect, Therefore, as Your Heavenly Father is Perfect”

- *“Teleios” = to fulfill the purpose for which it is made*