

## **King Jesus Gospel \_ Ep. 10**

### **Matthew 5:38-42 (NLT)**

<sup>38</sup> “You have heard the law that says the punishment must match the injury: ‘An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth.’ <sup>39</sup> But I say, do not resist an evil person! If someone slaps you on the right cheek, offer the other cheek also. <sup>40</sup> If you are sued in court and your shirt is taken from you, give your coat, too. <sup>41</sup> If a soldier demands that you carry his gear for a mile, carry it two miles. <sup>42</sup> Give to those who ask, and don’t turn away from those who want to borrow.

**Jesus warns us that unresolved resentment leads us to pursue revenge.**

**The New Testament largely points us towards a non-violent posture and personal response.**

**Jesus teaches us to suffer and serve.**

### **Isaiah 53:5 (NKJV)**

<sup>5</sup>But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed.

**Jesus teaches us not to retaliate with revenge but to respond in love.**

### **Matthew 5:43-48 (NLT)**

<sup>43</sup> “You have heard the law that says, ‘Love your neighbor’ and hate your enemy. <sup>44</sup> But I say, love your enemies! Pray for those who persecute you! <sup>45</sup> In that way, you will be acting as true children of your Father in heaven. For he gives his sunlight to both the evil and the good, and he sends rain on the just and the unjust alike. <sup>46</sup> If you love only those who love you, what reward is there for that? Even corrupt tax collectors do that much. <sup>47</sup> If you are kind only to your friends, how are you different from anyone else? Even pagans do that. <sup>48</sup> But you are to be perfect, even as your Father in heaven is perfect.

**Love empowers us to suffer long and be kind.**

## **PRACTICING THE WAY**

*As disciples of Jesus, we know our allegiance to Him as King is expressed in our daily practice. We are not pursuing perfection, but want to practice our faith each day. These practices will point you toward spiritual formation as an apprentice (disciple) to Jesus.*

**Read through the Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, John), slowly.**

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### **Meditate on each phrase of this Gospel summary:**

The Gospel is the good new that God our Father, the Creator, out of His great love for us, has come to rescue us from sin, satan, death and hell, and to renew all things, in and through the work of Jesus Christ on our behalf, to establish His kingdom, through His people who participate in loyal allegiance in the power of the Holy Spirit. This is for God's great glory, and our profound joy.

### **Talk it Over (with friends, a spouse, or connect group)**

- Read Matthew 5:38-48. Sunday's message was about resisting the urge for revenge. Did anything speak to you or stir a question within you?
- There is a difference between equitable justice and revengeful escalation/retribution. How would you describe the differences?
- Can you give some examples from Jesus' life of non-violence toward those who are out to get you? Why did Jesus model a non-violent way of life?
- Read Romans 5:10 & 2 Corinthians 5:18-21. How did God view us before we joined the family of God? How should we act toward those who are not in the family of God currently?
- Read 1 Corinthians 13:4-8. What does this verse teach us about love? Do you think Jesus intended for us to love our enemies as described in this passage?

