

SERMON ON THE MOUNT

ELEVATE YOUR CHARACTER

Handling Haters Jesus's Way
Matthew 5:38-48

Problem Jesus addresses —

Fair has a limit.

Solution Jesus introduces —

Limit yourself for the sake of others

1. It puts you in a different place of strength.
2. It puts the person in conflict into resolution.

God's love has no limit

1. This calls me to need the Spirit of God.
2. This takes Jesus everywhere I am.

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MY APPLICATION

Use the following questions this week to reflect on what it would mean to align yourself with the truths taught in Scripture. Each question is meant for both personal reflection and as a catalyst for discussion with your family, friends, or small group.

1. We saw Jesus teach that the Law had limits. The Mosaic Law was good at preventing, but not repairing. How would limiting my reactions actually bring about good in a situation?
2. Jesus taught to limit ourselves for the sake of others. The examples Jesus used were not others who needed help, but others who harmed. What good can come from helping those who harm?
3. Romans 5:8-11 spells out that while we were enemies, Jesus died for us. Does it seem like it is too simple to compare what He did for us to what He calls us to do for others? What keeps us from using His pattern for us with others?
4. Jesus reminded people that God takes care of everyone, while still acknowledging that some are good and evil. In this way Jesus doesn't deny that there is evil. He presses that God doesn't deny care for those who are evil. To be divine is to care for those unlike you. Is there someone this week, this month, this semester that you might be called by God to love in some tangible way?
5. Could your group pray for the wisdom to not be foolish and put yourselves in harm's way, but also for the wisdom to see where God might have you let go of your rights and love an enemy this week?



Memory Verse

For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.

Romans 5:10 ESV