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Teaching Notes  
Series: Spirit Life  
Week 4

Finding our place on the grass 😊

**Matt 5:38-48 (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.

What Jesus is *NOT* saying...

Jesus *is* saying that it’s time \_\_\_\_\_ came back into the equation.

**Retaliating** is deeply entrenched in our human nature!

Is being *compensated for a loss or injury* the same as retaliating?

Compensation eventually \_\_\_\_\_ into retaliation.

<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.

**How does God *do that*?**

It’s not a matter of \_\_\_\_\_ I love like this, but do I \_\_\_\_\_ ?

**We desperately need supernatural power to love supernaturally!!**

<sup>48</sup> But you are to be perfect, even as your Father in heaven is perfect.

Jesus is asking us to let Him \_\_\_\_\_ us from the inside out.

**Next Steps:**

- Keep your Teaching Outline and bring it to Adult Small Group on Sunday at 10am.
- Review the Teaching Outline during the week.
- Consider: Am I genuinely open to having God’s character formed in me?

**Closing Song:** The Power of Your Love, by Hillsong