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“Making a Difference through Service”
Matthew 5:38-42
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“You have heard that it was said, An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth. ³⁹ But I tell you, don’t resist an evildoer. On the contrary, if anyone slaps you on your right cheek, turn the other to him also. ⁴⁰ As for the one who wants to sue you and take away your shirt, let him have your coat as well. ⁴¹ And if anyone forces you to go one mile, go with him two. ⁴² Give to the one who asks you, and don’t turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you.”

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1. A Believer Doesn’t Take Offense (39)

Cheek-slapping was more used to insult than to injure. A back-hand (“**turn the other to him also**”) was considered twice as insulting. A follower of Jesus sees all relationships in eternal rather than personal perspective.

2. A Believer Doesn’t Stand on Rights (40)

A garment taken in pledge had to be returned by nightfall. (Exodus 22:26-27) Jesus says, “Don’t insist on your rights; be generous in love.”

3. A Believer Doesn’t Get by with the Minimum (41)

“Going the second mile” has become metaphor for a lavish attitude.

4. A Believer Doesn’t Hoard Resources (42)

Christians become rivers of blessing rather than reservoirs of stagnation. While we are to be good stewards, God expects compassion and generosity.

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