



Sermon Outline
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Natural Vs.
Supernatural
Matthew 5:38-48

* **One of the challenges with communication is the _____ that it's happened.**

Jesus - *"You have heard that it was said...But I tell you..."*

* **People were amazed by Jesus' teaching because He advocated _____-based living rather than _____-based living.**

- *I will not allow anger to control my interactions with others.*
- *I will not look at someone in a sexualized way.*
- *I'm faithful to my commitment to marriage.*
- *It doesn't require swearing for me to keep my word.*

* **Jesus provided two counterintuitive responses to our natural inclination:**

Matthew 5:38-39a - You have heard that it was said, 'Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.' But I tell you, do not resist an evil person.

1. The propensity to seek _____.

* **Revenge is one of those intense feelings that _____ human being experiences.**

* *Eye for eye and tooth for tooth was for dealing with civil and criminal acts not personal _____.*

Romans 12:19 - Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord.

* *Between stimulus and response there is a _____. In that space is our power to choose our response.*

* **Jesus' examples represent three important _____.**

1. God determines my _____.

"If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also."

2. God _____ everything I possess.

"And if anyone wants to sue you and take your shirt, hand over your coat as well."

3. God is the _____.

"If anyone forces you to go one mile, go with them two miles."

2. The challenge of loving _____.

Matthew 5:43-44 - You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.

* **God's intention has _____ for His people to love their enemies.**

Exodus 23:4 - If you come across your enemy's ox or donkey wandering off, be sure to return it.

* **We are more accustomed to _____ based love rather than unconditional love.**

* *Until you know you are _____ loved by God it will be a challenge to unconditionally love others.*

1 John 4:19 - **We love because He first loved us.**

* **These responses don't come naturally because they are _____.**

Matthew 5:48 - Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

* **A Christ follower's _____ is treating others the same way God treats them.**