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Matthew 5:38-39

**You have heard that it was said,
'Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.'
But I tell you, do not resist an evil
person. If anyone slaps you on the
right cheek, turn to them the other
cheek also.**

G R O W U P

Matthew 5:40-41

And if anyone wants to sue you and take your shirt, hand over your coat as well. If anyone forces you to go one mile, go with them two miles.

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Matthew 5:42

**Give to the one who asks you, and
do not turn away from the one who
wants to borrow from you.**

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**If you are insulted:
offer him your other cheek.**

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**If you are sued for your tunic:
give him all your clothes.**

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**If you are forced to go
an extra mile:
choose to go even further.**

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Matthew 5:43-44

**"You have heard that it was said,
'You shall love your neighbor and
hate your enemy.' But I say to you,
Love your enemies and pray for
those who persecute you...**

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Matthew 5:45

...so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.

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Matthew 5:46

**For if you love those who love you,
what reward do you have? Do not
even the tax collectors do the
same?**

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Matthew 5:47-48

And if you greet only your brothers, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

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**Then Jesus says to
love your enemies.**

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Love until it's ridiculous.

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Romans 5:6

**You see, at just the right time,
when we were still powerless,
Christ died for the ungodly.**

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Romans 5:7

**Very rarely will anyone die for a
righteous person, though for a
good person someone might
possibly dare to die.**

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Romans 5:8

**But God demonstrates his own love
for us in this: While we were still
sinners, Christ died for us.**

G R O W U P

Romans 5:9

**Since we have now been justified
by his blood, how much more shall
we be saved from God's wrath
through him!**

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Romans 5:10

**For if, while we were God's enemies,
we were reconciled to him through
the death of his Son, how much
more, having been reconciled, shall
we be saved through his life!**

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And this is the point:

Instead of being antagonistic to those that have evil intentions, God's people show ridiculously generous love.

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Transformed people:

- 1. View people as image bearers**
- 2. Place others needs ahead of their own**
- 3. Love people, use tools**

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**The Principle is: transformed
people transform people.**

- 1. Invest in transformational
relationships**
- 2. Become available**

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