

## Briefing Document: Matthew – Lesson 39

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This document summarizes the main themes and most important ideas presented in the provided source: The Sermon on the Mount – Happy Are the Peacemakers: Lesson 39, September 14, 2025. The core message revolves around the Christian understanding of peacemaking, the identity of a 'son of God,' and the unwavering love and protection God offers to believers.

### **I. The Life and Legacy of Charlie Kirk: A Modern Martyr and Catalyst for Faith**

The sermon begins with a remembrance and prayer for 'the young man Charlie Kirk,' portraying him as a figure whose fruit was clearly God-given. His life is characterized by dedicated service to his faith and advancing God's kingdom, particularly in addressing issues that many tend to avoid. The speaker emphasizes Kirk's consistent use of his platform to glorify God and point people toward Him.

A significant theme is Kirk's designation as a martyr, defined as 'one who has suffered or been subject to death because of his beliefs.' His passing is framed within a societal context where disagreements often turn violent. However, his death is presented not as a defeat, but as a catalyst for growth and purity within the church:

"Through persecution comes purity. That's why the early church was so pure—because it was so heavily persecuted."

The impact of Kirk's death is tangible:

- More people have joined Turning Point.
- More money was donated in the five days after his passing than in the previous year.
- Many pastors have joined their organization.

This narrative positions Kirk's life and death as a powerful testament to faith and a call to action for other believers.

### **II. The Call to Peacemaking: A Mark of a True Christian and Son of God**

The central teaching derived from Matthew 5:9–10 is the profound importance of being a peacemaker:

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." (NKJV)

The 'merit of peace' is being called a son of God, which the speaker presents as the highest honor:

"I don't think I could—can you think of a better thing to be called than a son of God?"

The sermon unpacks the meaning of sons of God (Greek: *huios*), explaining that it speaks of dignity, honor, and standing with God. Peacemaking is identified as a defining mark of a true Christian:

“If you’re a son of God, you’ll be a peacemaker. That’s the mark of a true Christian.”

The path to being a Christian and a peacemaker is outlined through several characteristics:

- Being poor in spirit
- Mourning over sin
- Meekness before a holy God
- Hungering and thirsting for righteousness
- Allowing His mercy to touch your life and desiring to extend mercy to others
- Experiencing a purity of heart that quickly recognizes sin and is repelled by it
- Developing a desire to be a peacemaker

This process, exemplified by the transformation of the Apostle Paul, demonstrates a radical shift from self-righteousness and conflict to humility, mercy, and peacemaking.

### **III. God’s Profound Love and Protection for His Children**

The sermon deeply explores God’s immense love for His children:

“God loves you with all His being. God loves you more than He loves your creation.”

This love is personified in Jesus Christ your Lord and Savior.

Several vivid metaphors illustrate divine affection and protection:

- The apple of God’s eye – Psalm 17:8; Zechariah 2:8. To touch one of God’s children is to touch the most sensitive part of His eye, provoking His response.
- His jewels – Malachi 3:17. Believers are described as God’s treasured jewels, part of the crown He makes.
- Tears in His bottle – Psalm 56:8. God collects the tears of believers, preserving them as a symbol of His empathy and remembrance.
- Eternal Name – God renames His children out of affection and love.
- Precious in His sight – Psalm 116:15. The death of His saints is precious to Him.

The cumulative message: 'You and I really matter to God. You are important to God.'

God’s love translates into action:

- He bears your weakness.
- He forgives your sin.
- He accepts your imperfect service.
- He provides for your every need.
- He shields you from danger.
- He reveals His eternal truth.
- He continually forgives you.
- He makes you an heir of all He possesses.
- He works everything for your good.
- He keeps you from perishing forever.
- He gives you the gift of heaven.

### **IV. Commitment and Encouragement: “You’re Not Done Yet”**

A powerful and recurring message, emphasized in the featured song, is 'You’re not done yet.'

This theme addresses despair, brokenness, and the temptation to give up—whispers often fueled by the evil one. The speaker shares a personal testimony of battling autoimmune diseases and the devil's lies that questioned her purpose:

“God, why don’t You just take me home?”

The divine response was clear: 'You’re not done yet.'

This message emphasizes that every believer has an ongoing purpose:

- 'There is more for you to do.'
- 'You’re not done yet, child.'
- 'I have so much good in store for you.'

Even in suffering, the 'song of your sorrows can be the anthem to help another spirit rise.' Small acts of kindness can bring hearts to Christ. The call is to strengthen faith and cling to God:

“Just let your faith grow stronger, and hold on to Me for just a little.”

## **V. Practical Calls to Action and Community Engagement**

The sermon also includes practical calls to action and announcements:

- Prayer for the Kirk Family and Turning Point – Encouraging believers to lift them up.
- Joining Turning Point’s Pastoral Organization – The speaker joined in order to help support the ministry.
- Outreach and Fellowship – Outreach team meets Friday at 9:00 a.m.; Women’s fellowship on Saturday.
- Praying for Government – A bulletin insert encourages prayer for government leaders.
- Prayer Meetings – Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m.
- Men’s Obligation – A reminder that men must lead their families, friends, and neighbors faithfully:  
'Nobody follows a weak witness. We all search for strength and honesty.'

## **Greek Words**

- Huioi (υἱός, hoo-ee-oss) – Son. Refers to one’s standing as a true child, with dignity, honor, and full recognition as belonging to God. Used in Matthew 5:9, 'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.'