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Jesus begins to take our understanding of success, achievement, goals and begins to turn it all around.

1. Jesus Came to _____ the Standard, Not Lower it.

“Do not think that I have come to abolish **the Law or the Prophets**; I have not come to abolish them but to **fulfill them**.” **Matthew 5:17**

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2. Jesus Calls Us to a _____ Kind of _____.

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• **Radical** _____ (vs. 29-30)

“If your right **eye causes you to stumble**, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell.” **Matthew 5:29**

• _____ (vs. 33-37)

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• _____ **Your Enemies** (vs. 43-47)

“You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbour and hate your enemy.’ 44 But I tell you, **love your enemies** and **pray for those who persecute you**...” **Matthew 5:43-44**

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- **Truthfulness** (vs. 33-37)

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