



Message Outline

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Matthew 5:21-26

Forgiving, Offending, and Amending

God said,

"DO NOT MURDER"

Matthew 5:21

Jesus says,

"DON'T EVEN GET ANGRY"

Matthew 5:22

And,

"DON'T INSULT THEM EITHER"

Instead,

- **DEVELOP A PASSION FOR RECONCILING**

Matthew 5:23-24

- **SETTLE DISPUTES EARLY**

Matthew 5:25-26



Questions for Further Reflection & Discussion

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1. Have you ever witnessed a minor conflict escalate way out of hand? What happened?
2. Read Matthew 5:21-26 and review the outline. What part of the message stood out to you the most?
3. How is reconciliation core to Christianity?
4. How are the requirements of God's perfect laws met in the believer?
5. Why do you think our relationships with others are so important to God?
6. What is the Christian supposed to do when they become angry?
7. How does a Christian develop a passion for reconciling?
8. What are the key elements of a meaningful apology?
9. Lately, have you been more challenged by the forgiving part of the Christian life or the making amends part?