

Sermon Notes -- Sermon on the Mount – Matthew 5:17-48

“If you’re my friend, I’ll do anything for you. But if you’re my enemy, there ain’t no place in the world you can hide.” – 50 Cent (Famous Rapper)

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-- Jesus

Forgiveness flows like a mighty river, and life is like fruit for the picking. But if you don’t reach out to the broken people, you will never enter the Kingdom of God.

The Religious Right will immediately suggest that Jesus is soft on the rules. He’s too much into grace and blessing.

Read Matthew 5:17-20 – Religious Context

You’ve got to draw the line somewhere. We’ve drawn it. They’ve ignored it. They have to deal with the consequences of their choices. – Religious Right

I didn’t come to get rid of the rules. The rules are good. In fact, the rules are great. And I have come to help people follow them. -- Jesus

Jesus explains further:

Read Matthew 7:21-48 – The Road Narrows

Jesus, the road was narrow enough. Now you’ve made it into a tight rope. -- Me

There is only one way to live on a tightrope. Follow me with every step. Get on back if you have to. -- Jesus

Jesus Turns the Sermon on the Mount Into a Conversation

Read Mark 10:17-21a – The Narrow Road & Life Choices

The man says he has made good life choices. Jesus looks at him and loves him.

Don’t kill anyone! Don’t have sex unless married! Don’t lie. Don’t steal. Don’t spread rumors. Honor mom and dad.

It isn’t that Jesus doesn’t love you, but he hates it because you are choosing momentary pleasure over long-term brokenness. You are making a terrible choice, and Jesus can see the long-term consequences.

Read Mark 10:21-22 – Give Everything to Help the Broken

We miss Jesus point. As soon as Jesus said, “Give away all your money,” we missed what he was really saying because we don’t want to give away all our money.

*What was the point of his command? **Come follow me.***

Read Mark 10:23-31 – A Promise of LIFE

We must start thinking about the broken and how we might be able to heal.

It is a new life that Jesus wants you to have. And to have a new life, you have to leave your old one.

And the new life is promised to be more glorious than you can imagine!

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 Jesus calls me to give everything to help broken people.

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