

# UNSHAKEABLE

LIVING THE WORDS OF JESUS



## SERMON OUTLINE

Sunday Oct 25th, 2020

### **When You Want To Hate** - Matthew 5:38–42

- Sticks and stones can break my bones but words will never hurt me. **NOT.**
- **You Have Heard It Said**  
*You have heard the law that says the punishment must match the injury: ‘An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth.’*
- “Let the punishment fit the crime” Leviticus 24:19–20
- **But I Tell You**  
*“But I say, do not resist an evil person!”*
- **An Important Distinction:** Government Authority vs Personal Relationship
- *“If someone slaps you on the right cheek, offer the other cheek also.”*
- *“If you are sued in court and your shirt is taken from you, give your coat, too.”*  
(Also see Exodus 22:26–27)
- *If a soldier demands that you carry his gear for a mile, carry it two miles.*
- *Give to those who ask, and don’t turn away from those who want to borrow.”*

- **Here's The Deal:**

- if you live your life protecting yourself from ever being used or abused by another, you might be successful but your heart and soul will shrink.
- **Faith** says God is bigger than that person,  
**grace** is greater than hurt,  
**mercy** is greater than offense.
- **Generosity** frees me to receive more of God's blessings and releases me from fear of not having enough.

- **Who Lives Like This?**

Isaiah 53 - The Suffering Servant

Matthew 27:11-12

- **Surrender - Follow - Listen - Do**

A. **The Gospel** - the Good News of Jesus - is that we are forgiven by God. Because we are forgiven, through the Spirit of God we have been given the power to forgive.

B. In Jesus, we have the power to live the **Kingdom Life**.

2 Timothy 1:7

Luke 4:17-19

- *"For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God."* 2 Corinthians 5:21,
- *"So if the Son sets you free, you are truly free."* John 8:36
  - Free to be broken. And free to be better.
- *"For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost."* Luke 19:10

## SERMON STUDY GUIDE

**We meet in Life Groups to:** Connect deeper with God and each other through prayer and relationship. Connect the Bible to life. Connect with our community through serving.

**ICE BREAKER:** If you could instantly be an expert in a subject, what would it be and why?

**PRAYER:** God is worthy to be sought - take time to pray together in your group.

### HOW TO READ THE BIBLE

“All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.” (2 Timothy 3:16-17, NLT)

Ask yourselves the following questions as you read this week’s Bible passage...What is God asking me to believe? What is God asking me to do? How is God preparing me to live more effectively for him?

For free tips and resources on what is in the Bible and how to read it, visit [www.thebibleproject.com](http://www.thebibleproject.com). The Bible Project creates free videos that show the Bible as a unified story that leads to Jesus. To find out more about this ministry, check out this short video: <https://youtu.be/vFwNZNyDu9k>.

### SERMON SERIES: “*Unshakeable: Living The Words of Jesus*”

In this sermon series we explore how to live according to Jesus’ teachings in **Matthew chapters 5-7**. This is the **Gospel of the Kingdom**. It is something we are not only to know, but to do, to *live*. And when we do that, we are immovable, unshakeable because the foundation is Jesus and he is the Rock of our salvation that is immovable and *unshakeable*.

Reference: *The Essence: Unpacking Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount* (2020). Winslade. Wipf Stock Pub.

### THIS WEEK: Matthew 5:38-42 “When You Want To Hate”

Watch the weekend’s sermon: <http://www.coldspringschurch.net/sermons.html>.

### EXPLORING TOGETHER

There is value in sharing perspectives about the weekend message in community. With dialogue around God’s truths, perspective broadens and impacts transformation.

1. What is something from this weekend’s message that stood out to you?

### TAKING IT HOME

Responding to those who show us kindness and warmth is easy; but how do we cope when people behave towards us in ways that are mean and hurtful or

deeply offensive? It was an issue Jesus addressed in his sermon on a Galilean hillside in this week's text.

2. Following Jesus means living by a different set of values to the world in which we live. What are some examples of that difference from your experience?
3. What do you understand to be the meaning of the phrase: "An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth"?
4. Does v.39 mean that Christians should always be pacifists? How would you explain Matthew 5:10–12 to someone who was a brand-new Christian?
5. Jesus reference to tunics and cloaks in v.40 implied forgoing our rights for the sake of others. What is an example of waiving rights in our twenty-first-century context?
6. Is there a legitimate place for standing up for justice and fighting back when we're offended?

### **WEEKLY REFLECTION**

According to Jesus, the way of the kingdom is vastly different from the ways of the world. When people do as Jesus suggests, they disempower the ways of this world, and they show forth the Kingdom of God here on Earth (2 Tim 1:7).

7. What is the best way to disempower someone who is bullying you?

Some may be suffering undue pressures or even injustice. It may feel as if their personal rights are being infringed, and that their experience of being bullied is mean and unfair.

**What might happen if in the week ahead they tried an experiment?** If instead of meeting injustice with a spirit of indignation, seeking retribution or behaving in a passive-aggressive way—they implemented **Jesus' advice**—taking it seriously, turning their cheek and giving less thought to protecting their personal rights, leaving revenge in the hands of God, (who is so much better at it than we could ever be); what would the result be?

**Jesus' advice here will be a bitter pill for some to swallow. But what if it works ?**

**Surrender - Follow - Listen - Do** (2 Corinthians 5:21, John 8:36, Luke 19:10)

*The Gospel - the Good News of Jesus - is that we are forgiven by God. Because we are forgiven, through the Spirit of God we have been given the power to forgive. No forgiveness, no freedom. In forgiveness, there is freedom. Freedom to love and be loved.*

8. What do you need to *surrender, follow, listen* or *do* this week to respond with Jesus' values rather than those of popular culture?