

# THE EXTRA MILE



GO THE SECOND  
**MILE**

**MATTHEW 5:38-42**

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# **THE EXTRA MILE PRESENTATION OVERVIEW**

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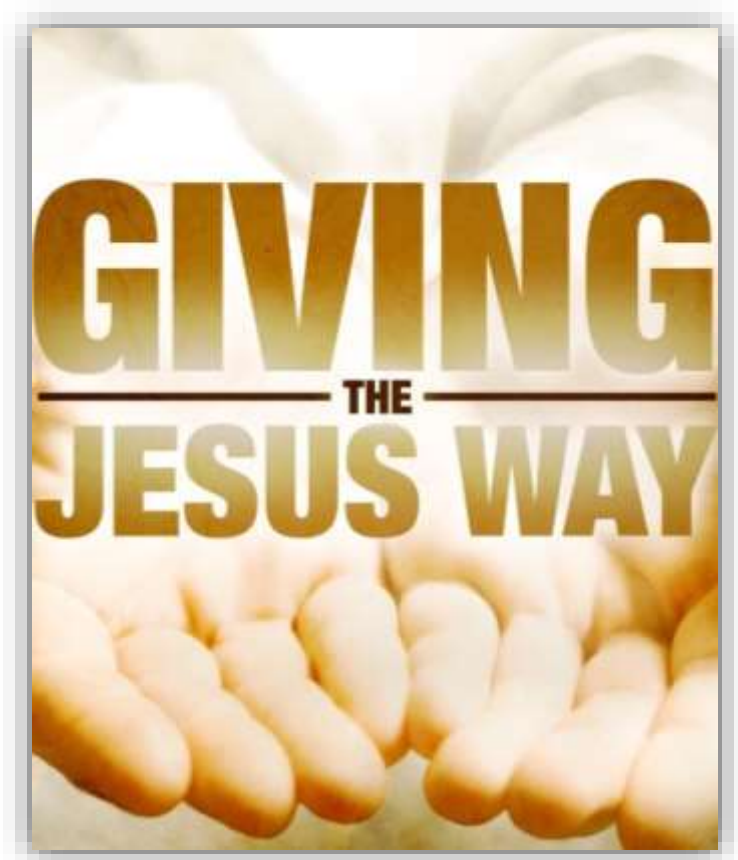
**Theme Verse**

**Kinds Of Retaliation  
In The Bible**

**Law Of “Eye for an  
Eye” in the OT**

**Lessons Learnt**

**Discussion**



# **THE EXTRA MILE OBJECTIVES**

**To:**

- **To understand the meaning & the kinds of Retaliation in the Bible**
- **To draw a parallel between the Law of Retaliation in the OT and the NT**
- **To capture the essence of Jesus's teachings from the theme verse**

# THE EXTRA MILE

## THEME VERSE

### *Matthew 5:38-42*

*You have heard that it was said, 'Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.' 39 But I tell you, Do not resist an evil person. If someone strikes you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also. 40 And if someone wants to sue you and take your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. 41 If someone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles. 42 Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you.*

# **THE EXTRA MILE?**

**These verses have been described by many in the following ways:**

- 1. The hard sayings of Jesus**
- 2. The most difficult verses in the Bible**
- 3. Hyperbole and impossible**
- 4. Commands for another world**
- 5. Greatest recorded sermon on the mount**

# **TURN THE OTHER CHEEK**

**The Greek verb here implies slapping someone in the face as an insult more than enduring physical violence [1].**

**The context reinterpreted conveys on most occasions:**

- **Silence may actually dampen the insult**
- **Retaliating is more likely to escalate it.**
- **Response should be designed to bring the other person close to Christ**

# **GIVE THE CLOAK AS WELL**

**The tunic was an inner garment. The cloak:**

- **The outer garment**
- **Often used by the poor to protect and provide warmth**
- **Could not be taken away by OT law (Ex 22:26-27)**

**In a situation where dispute is intended, in order to maintain peace, Jesus advises:**

- **Not to fight for rights**
- **To give away the cloak**
- **Look to the Lord for protection and provision (Mt. 6:28-31)**



# **GO THE SECOND MILE**

**In Jesus' day, a Roman soldier had the right to press any Israelite into carrying his pack for him up to one mile.**

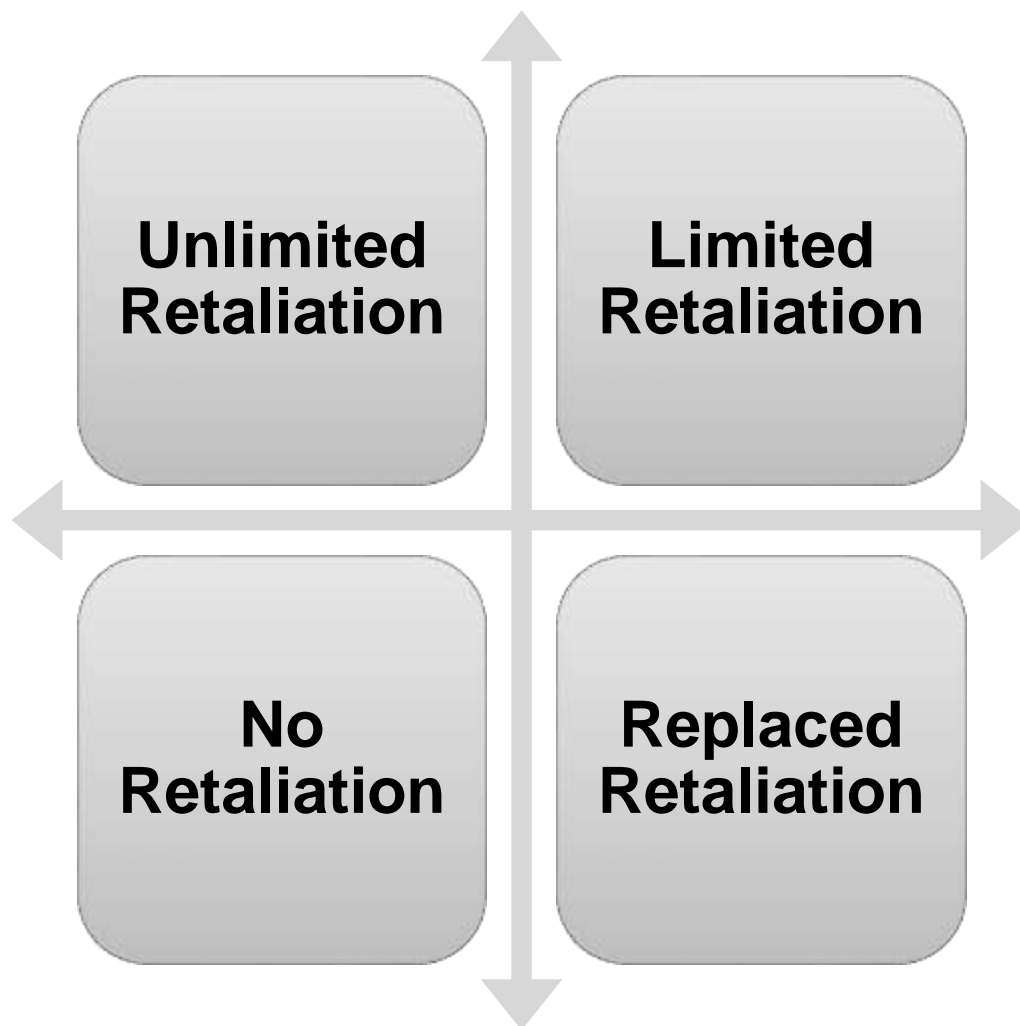
**Jesus exhorts to:**

- **Go beyond the call of duty**
- **Reflect Christ's grace to a fallen world**

**What if people take advantage of us?**



# KINDS OF RETALIATION IN THE BIBLE



Bible References: Genesis 4:23-24, Exodus 21:23-25, Romans 12:19

# UNLIMITED RETALIATION

Lamech said to his wives: “Adah and Zillah, hear my voice; you wives of Lamech, listen to what I say: I have killed a man for **wounding me**, a young man for striking me. If Cain’s revenge is sevenfold, then Lamech’s is **seventy-sevenfold.**” (Genesis 4:23-24)

Lamech was clearly “over-the-top” and not of the Lord.  
Murder was:

- A response to injury
- Taken into his hands and hands of family members
- Enhanced by his son Tubal Cain was "a maker of every cutting instrument of bronze and iron"

# LIMITED RETALIATION

The fabled “**eye for eye, tooth for tooth**” Exodus 21:23-25

Instituted in the Old Testament as part of:

- The legal and judicial system of the nation Israel
- Not meant as personal retaliation but a civil code

Today we fall under the legal and civil code of our government.

# LIMITED RETALIATION

## Exodus 21:22-25

<sup>22</sup> “If people are fighting and hit a pregnant woman and she gives birth prematurely but there is no serious injury, .....<sup>25</sup> burn for burn, wound for wound, bruise for bruise.”

## Leviticus 24:17-22

<sup>17</sup> “Anyone who takes the life of a human being is to be put to death. ....<sup>22</sup> You are to have the same law for the foreigner and the native-born. I am the LORD your God.”

## Deuteronomy 19:15-21

<sup>15</sup> “One witness is not enough to convict anyone accused .....  
<sup>21</sup> Show no pity: life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot.”

**What form of retaliation did Peter demonstrate? What was Christ's response?**



# NO RETALIATION

Beloved, **never avenge yourselves**, but **leave it to the wrath of God**, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” (Romans 12:19)

There is no retaliation at a personal level. The individual hands over to God to prevent sin “in anger”.



# **REPLACED RETALIATION**

**This (Matt 5:38-44) is not the same as no retaliation. It seeks to:**

- **Replace vengeance with grace**
- **Collaborate in mutual best interest of both parties**
- **Win the other party to a stronger relationship with yourself and Christ**

**What are some instances of replaced retaliation in the bible?  
What do we learn from them?**

BEING "OF CHRIST" MEANS  
GOING THE "SECOND MILE"



# RECAP: THE EXTRA MILE

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# **THE EXTRA MILE LESSONS LEARNT**

## **What these scriptures don't teach**

**It does not:**

- **Teach absolute passivism**
- **Enable, encourage a sinner to do wrong**

## **What these scriptures do teach**

**There should be:**

- **No or replaced retaliation**
- **Forbearance and forgiveness**
- **A motive to gain the other's welfare and maintain peace**

# THE EXTRA MILE DISCUSSION

**When does this teaching pose a challenge in realistic terms?  
How do we address it?**

**Share examples of how you have practiced:**

- no retaliation
- replaced retaliation.

**In what kinds of situations might we have the opportunity to  
“go the extra mile?”**



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