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A Study in the Book of Matthew

What Kingdom Living Looks Like In Our Messy World

Example #1: Anger

“You have heard that it was said to our ancestors, Do not murder, and whoever murders will be subject to judgment.

Matthew 5:21 (CSB)

But I tell you, everyone who is angry with his brother or sister will be subject to judgment.

Matthew 5:22 (CSB)

Whoever insults his brother or sister, will be subject to the court. Whoever says, 'You fool!' will be subject to hellfire.

Matthew 5:22 (CSB)

**So if you are offering your gift on the altar, and
there you remember that your brother or sister
has something against you,**

Matthew 5:23 (CSB)

**leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go
and be reconciled with your brother or sister, and
then come and offer your gift.**

Matthew 5:24 (CSB)

**Reach a settlement quickly with your adversary
while you're on the way with him to the court, or
your adversary will hand you**

Matthew 5:25 (CSB)

**over to the judge, and the judge to the officer,
and you will be thrown into prison.**

Matthew 5:25 (CSB)

**Truly I tell you, you will never get out of there
until you have paid the last penny.**

Matthew 5:26 (CSB)

How to get off and stay off the angry train:

- 1. Recognize the root of anger**
- 2. Pray for God to change your heart.**
- 3. Then go practice living at peace with others.**

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Example #2: Adultery

“You have heard that it was said, Do not commit adultery.

Matthew 5:27 (CSB)

**But I tell you, everyone who looks at a woman
lustfully has already committed adultery with her
in his heart.**

Matthew 5:28 (CSB)

If your right eye causes you to sin, gouge it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of the parts of your body than for

Matthew 5:29 (CSB)

your whole body to be thrown into hell.

Matthew 5:29 (CSB)

And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of the parts of your body than for

Matthew 5:30 (CSB)

your whole body to go into hell.

Matthew 5:30 (CSB)

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Example #3: Divorce

“It was also said, Whoever divorces his wife must give her a written notice of divorce.

Matthew 5:31 (CSB)

**But I tell you, everyone who divorces his wife,
except in a case of sexual immorality, causes her
to commit adultery.**

Matthew 5:32 (CSB)

And whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

Matthew 5:32 (CSB)

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Example #4: Manipulation

“Again, you have heard that it was said to our ancestors, You must not break your oath, but you must keep your oaths to the Lord.

Matthew 5:33 (CSB)

**But I tell you, don't take an oath at all: either by
heaven, because it is God's throne;**

Matthew 5:34 (CSB)

**or by the earth, because it is his footstool; or by
Jerusalem, because it is the city of the great
King.**

Matthew 5:35 (CSB)

**Do not swear by your head, because you cannot
make a single hair white or black.**

Matthew 5:36 (CSB)

But let your 'yes' mean 'yes,' and your 'no' mean 'no.' Anything more than this is from the evil one.

Matthew 5:37 (CSB)

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Example #5: Retaliation

“You have heard that it was said, An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.

Matthew 5:38 (CSB)

But I tell you, don't resist an evildoer. On the contrary, if anyone slaps you on your right cheek, turn the other to him also.

Matthew 5:39 (CSB)

As for the one who wants to sue you and take away your shirt, let him have your coat as well.

Matthew 5:40 (CSB)

**And if anyone forces you to go one mile, go with
him two.**

Matthew 5:41 (CSB)

Give to the one who asks you, and don't turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you.

Matthew 5:42 (CSB)

For you were called to this, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in His steps.

1 Peter 2:21 (CSB)

**He did not commit sin, and no deceit was found
in His mouth;**

1 Peter 2:22 (CSB)

**When He was insulted, He did not insult in return;
when He suffered, He did not threaten but
entrusted Himself to the one who judges justly.**

1 Peter 2:23 (CSB)

**He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree;
so that, having died to sins, we might live for
righteousness. By His wounds you have been
healed.**

1 Peter 2:24 (CSB)

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Example #6: Enemies

“You have heard that it was said, Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.

Matthew 5:43 (CSB)

But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in Heaven.

Matthew 5:44 (CSB)

For he causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.

Matthew 5:45 (CSB)

For if you love those who love you, what reward will you have? Don't even the tax collectors do the same?

Matthew 5:46 (CSB)

**And if you greet only your brothers and sisters,
what are you doing out of the ordinary?**

Matthew 5:47 (CSB)

Don't even the Gentiles do the same?

Matthew 5:47 (CSB)

Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

Matthew 5:48 (CSB)