

Lent Theme: Between Me & You

This Morning's Message

“Truth & Love Go the Extra Mile”

Matthew 5:33-48

“If anyone forces you to go one mile, go with them two miles.”

Matthew 5:41

“Again, you have heard that it was said to the people long ago, ‘Do not break your oath, but fulfill to the Lord the vows you have made.’ But I tell you, do not swear an oath at all: either by heaven, for it is God’s throne; or by the earth, for it is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the Great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make even one hair white or black. All you need to say is simply ‘Yes’ or ‘No’; anything beyond this comes from the evil one.

Matthew 5:33-37

Covenant promises
should lead to
truthfulness

Go the Extra Mile in
Honesty and Truth

**“You have heard that it was said, ‘Eye for eye,
and tooth for tooth.’ But I tell you, do not
resist an evil person. If anyone slaps you on the
right cheek, turn to them the other cheek
also. And if anyone wants to sue you and take
your shirt, hand over your coat as well. If
anyone forces you to go one mile, go with them
two miles. Give to the one who asks you, and
do not turn away from the one who wants to
borrow from you.”**

Matthew 5:38-42

If someone wrongs you, or treats you
in a manner that is not fair or right,
how are you to respond?

Go the Extra Mile in
Grace and Peace

“You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? And if you greet only your own people, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

Matthew 5:43-48

How can you pray for your enemies? Who might that be?

“Only the disciple who has been born of the Spirit, who knows the enabling grace of Christ, can live by this standard. It is the extension of Christ’s love.”

- Myron Augsberger

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

- Verse 48

Perfect = *teleios*

Maturity, Growth, and Conformity.



Go the Extra Mile in
showing God's love
to all people

OUR TESTIMONY

*We went that extra mile with Jesus
on truth, grace, love, and purity.*

