

CAN YOU NAVIGATE THE DIFFICULTIES OF LIFE?

- ❖ We need a great teacher
- ❖ We need a great Savior!
- ❖ ***Jesus is that one and only person who will accomplish both needs!***

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NAVIGATING LIFE

- ❖ Learning the Christian 'walk'
- ❖ Growing in our faith
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NAVIGATION 101, LESSON 4

- **Reconciliation 101**
- Or, Can I really get along with others?
- TEXT: Matthew 5.20-26

MATTHEW 5.20-26, NIV

- ²⁰ For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.

- 21 “You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, ‘You shall not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.’ 22 But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to a brother or sister, ‘Raca,’ is answerable to the court. And anyone who says, ‘You fool!’ will be in danger of the fire of hell.

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- ²³ “Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you,²⁴ leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift.

- ²⁵ “Settle matters quickly with your adversary who is taking you to court. Do it while you are still together on the way, or your adversary may hand you over to the judge, and the judge may hand you over to the officer, and you may be thrown into prison. ²⁶ Truly I tell you, you will not get out until you have paid the last penny.

RECONCILIATION 101

OR, CAN I REALLY GET ALONG WITH OTHERS?

- Reconciliation:
- the restoration of *friendly relations*.

HERMENEUTICS:

- Hermeneutics: what did the original **author** intend for his original **readers**; and, what does it mean **to me**?
- Historical **context**, genre, literal or figurative, parable, etc
- *And anyone who says, 'You fool!' will be in danger of the fire of hell.*

WHAT, WHEN, WHERE, AND HOW

- *But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother . . .*
- **What** made you angry?
- What part of it was your *fault*?
- Step away from your *emotions* and **pray!**

WHEN?

- *if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you,²⁴ leave your gift there in front of the altar.*
- *First go and be reconciled to them*
- When you remember . . .

WHERE?

- *Settle matters quickly with your adversary who is taking you to court. Do it while you are still together on the way*
- Still together on the way

MICAH 6.8

- He has shown you, O mortal, what is good.
And what does the LORD require of you?
- To act *justly* and
- to love *mercy* and
- to walk *humbly* with your God.



Forgiveness is not an occasional act, it is a constant attitude.

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