



**Rights Gone Wrong**  
*Sermon on the Mount II, Part 5*  
**Matthew 5:38-42**

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*Matthew 5:38-43, Matthew 5:5, Romans 13:4*

The Principle of Exact Retaliation

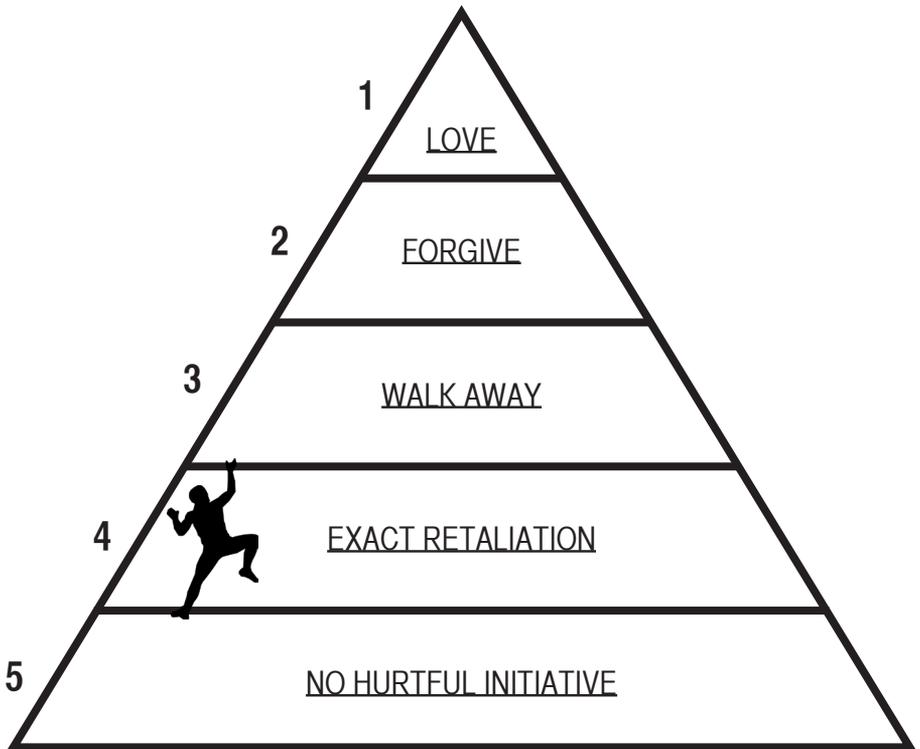


Jesus would eventually remove sin. The Law could only try to control it.

*Matthew 5:39-40, Exodus 22:26-27, Matthew 5:41*



# The Principle of Purposeful Love



**CONNECTION**

1. How would you define justice? What responsibilities do you think Christians have in pursuing justice in the world today?

**WEEKEND REVIEW**

2. As you look at the “Love” chart, which level of love do you find yourself defaulting to most often?

**SCRIPTURE DISCUSSION**

*Read Matthew 5:38-42*

3. What underlying sins cause us to want revenge?
4. In what way does the “Principle of Exact Retaliation” reveal God’s commitment to justice? How was this law being twisted by the religious teachers of Jesus’ day?
5. How does this passage imply that we might be called on to deny our personal rights or justice?
6. How do these verses challenge us to trust God with every offense made against us?
7. What is the difference between turning the other cheek because of shame or weakness versus turning the other cheek through biblical meekness?
8. Read Romans 12:9-21. How does this passage help us better understand what it means to turn the other cheek? What other insights challenge or encourage you from this passage?
9. As Christians, we understand that Jesus fulfilled the Law of God. How did Jesus fulfill the command to “not take revenge, but leave room for God’s wrath”?

**OIKOCENTRIC LIVING**

10. What are some practical ways to turn the other cheek in today’s culture?
11. As you think about people in your oikos who have offended you, what can you do to respond with “Level 1” love? How can you go the extra mile and bless them this week?