



GOING THE  
**SECOND**  
MILE

**MATTHEW 5:38-48**

# THE CONTEXT:

- **THE LAW: 'EYE FOR AN EYE'**  
**EXOD. 21:23-25; LEV. 20:19, 20**
- *WHAT WAS INTENDED: JUSTICE*
- *WHAT IT HAD BECOME: AN ACT OF VENGEANCE*

# THE CONTEXT:

- **THE LAW: 'LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR'**

**LEV. 19:18**

- *A COMMAND TO LOVE...AND HATE?*

- *WHAT WAS FORGOTTEN*

**PROV. 25:21, 22**

- **THE INTENT OF JESUS: A BETTER WAY**

**MATTHEW 5:20**

# A ONE-MILE WORLD:

*“...whoever slaps you...sues you...compels you...asks you...”*

- **THE WORLDLY STANDARD: ONE MILE...OR NONE**
  - *PERSONAL RIGHTS ARE THE PRIMARY FOCUS*
  - *BASICS AND MINIMUMS – ‘GOOD ENOUGH’*

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- **PAYBACK IS THE RULE**
- *A TWIST OF THE COMMAND*
- *A PERVERSION OF GOD'S INTENT*
- **WHY, THEN, THIS COMMAND?**

# A SECOND-MILE CHURCH:

*“Turn the other cheek...give your last garment...go the extra mile...love your enemies.”*

- DOES THIS ‘MEAN WHAT IT SAYS’?
- *NO INFERENCE OF EXAGGERATION; YES!*
- *HE DESIRES AN UNCOMMON RESPONSE*

# A SECOND-MILE CHURCH:

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- HOW DO WE ‘GO THE SECOND MILE’?

- *RISE ABOVE*

ROMANS 12:17, 19, 21

- *BOW UNDER*

JAS. 1:19; 1<sup>ST</sup> COR. 6:7

- BUT WHY?

# A SECOND-MILE CHURCH:

*“Turn the other cheek...give your last garment...go the extra mile...love your enemies.”*

- **BUT WHY?**
- *NOT A WORLDLY CONCEPT*
- *A HIGHER STANDARD*

**MATT. 5:45; ROM. 5:8; EPH. 4:32**



