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NEXT STEPS



Surprise The World "Ambassadors"

Matthew 5:38–48

Questions to *Dig Deeper*:

1. An eye for an eye satisfies a natural human desire for fairness, whereas Jesus calls us to a vulnerable kind of forgiveness (Matthew 5:38–42). Why is releasing our right to "get even" so difficult, and what does it look like in practice to choose grace over personal vindication without becoming a doormat?
2. Loving people who look, vote, and think like us isn't uniquely Christian—it's just human nature. How does your current circle of close relationships reflect this? What is one practical step you can take this week to build a meaningful connection with someone outside your comfort zone or worldview?
3. Bill said that righteous anger is often just anger dressed up in spiritual clothes, showing up as venting on social media, demonizing others, or harboring bitterness. How can we discern whether our anger stems from God's heart for justice or from our own pride, fear, and self-interest?
4. Reflecting on 1 Corinthians 13, the passage points out that biblical love does not demand lock-step alignment on every issue. How can we maintain deep unity in Christ while navigating real disagreements on hot-topic cultural or political issues?
5. Dallas Willard is quoted saying that we are to pursue love, and out of that love, actions naturally overflow. Looking back at the three specific invitations: giving generous gentleness, going the extra mile, and refusing to feed conflict, which one feels like the biggest personal challenge for you right now, and why?