

# SURRENDER YOUR RIGHTS

Matthew 5:38-42

October 21, 2018

I. What about \_\_\_\_\_? – v. 38-39a

II. What about \_\_\_\_\_? – v. 39-42

III. What about \_\_\_\_\_? – 1 Peter & Philippians 2

TO PUT JESUS \_\_\_\_\_ MEANS TO PUT ME \_\_\_\_\_.

## **Stewardship Report:**

Last Week: \$0.00

This Month: \$0.00

Last Month: \$20,165.00

Monthly Budget: \$17,338.00



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## SMALL GROUP APPLICATION QUESTIONS

Love rejoices in the truth. Jesus commands us to speak truth. Truth always honors the Lord.

### 1. REVIEW THE SERMON

Read Matthew 5:38-42. What does “eye for an eye and tooth for a tooth” mean in this context? How and why does Jesus correct the application of this OT principle? What heart issue is Jesus pressing on with his teaching and examples?

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Read Philippians 2:5-8, 1 Peter 2:23, 3:17, and 4:19. What do these verses teach about suffering in relation to Jesus and our own lives? According to Peter, what is the key for enduring suffering in order to do good?

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### 2. ASSESS YOUR LIFE

How do you deal with offense? Which type of offense are you most likely to retaliate against and which type are you most likely to let go? What do these instances reveal about what you elevate above Jesus and loving others? Share an example with your group.

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Compare a time when you retaliated to a time when you chose to cover the offense in love. In each case how did your response increase or decrease suffering (for you, them, God)? In each case how did your response impact the name of Jesus?

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### 3. APPLY THE TRUTH

We all have an innate desire for justice that leads us to desire retaliation. The only way to follow Jesus' teaching is to change what we think and believe in this area. What truth or truths do you need to embrace and internalize to walk in love rather than retaliation? Write them out below in your own words.

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### 4. COMMIT THIS WEEK

Is there a situation or relationship in your life where you chose retaliation over love? What do you need to do this week to seek forgiveness, resolve the conflict and cover the offense in love?

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