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MATTHEW 5:13-48

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Matt. 5:13 “You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled by men. ¹⁴ “You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.

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MATTHEW 5:17-37

V. 17-20 || Jesus fulfills God's law

V. 21-37 ||

- Anger - murder of the heart
- Unresolved conflict, spiritual consequences.
- Lust - adultery of the heart
- Divorce - covenant faithfulness
- Oaths - integrity of speech

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Examine | ... the context.

Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. ¹⁴ But John tried to deter him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” ¹⁵ Jesus replied, “**Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness.**” Then John consented. Matthew 3:13-15 NIV

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Matt. 5:38 “You have heard that it was said, ‘Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.’ ³⁹ But I tell you, Do not resist an evil person. If someone strikes you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also. ⁴⁰ And if someone wants to sue you and take your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. ⁴¹ If someone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles. ⁴² Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you.

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Matt. 5:43 “You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ ⁴⁴ But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵ that you may be sons of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. ⁴⁶ If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? ⁴⁷ And if you greet only your brothers, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that? ⁴⁸ Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

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7 Core Truths Jesus Teaches (Declarations)

1. Jesus teaches that faithfulness to God is worth it, even when it leads to opposition.
2. Jesus teaches that His followers are meant to visibly influence the world as salt and light.
3. Jesus teaches that true righteousness flows from the heart, not just outward obedience.
4. Jesus teaches that unchecked anger and lust reveal deeper heart issues God wants to heal.
5. Jesus teaches that integrity and faithfulness should mark every relationship and every word.
6. Jesus teaches that Kingdom people refuse retaliation and respond with grace instead of revenge.
7. Jesus teaches that loving enemies reflects the character and maturity of our Heavenly Father.

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Matt 5:38-48	3. Jesus will empower us to live out His rugged, radical aloha.

RESPOND | What is a prayer reflection?

Dear Daddie God,
Thank You for Your great love and grace, giving me a new identity in Jesus. Thank You Jesus, for embracing and empowering me to shine Your light and show Your radical love to others - especially those who have offended, hurt or hate me. Help me to evaluate my inner life and equip me to live by Your Word!