FALL ON THE MOUNT: Part 12

- Do Not Resist an Evil Person

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Matthew 5:38-48

You have heard it was said:

"Eye for eye and tooth for tooth" (Exodus 21:24 and other places)

Four Examples of How to NOT Resist an Evil Person:

- 1. Turn the other cheek
- 2. Let them have your cloak as well
- 3. Go the extra mile
- 4. Give to the one who asks you (this is not necessarily an evil person but maybe more of an annoying, presumptuous person)

You have heard it was said:

"Love your neighbor and hate your enemy." (Lev. 19:18 Does not actually say to hate your enemy, that was assumed)

Rainer Rilke:

"Perhaps everything terrible is, in its deepest being, something that needs our love."

Key point to understanding this:

Jesus is asking us to do battle with evil and win victory over evil by **not** resisting evil people but instead by **loving** our evil enemy!

"Love covers a multitude of sin."

"Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good."