

SERMON *on the* MOUNT

How to Stand Out

Matthew 5:33-48

In Your Speech

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When we rely on oaths and vows to underline the truth, we actually _____ the truth.

How highly do you value honesty & integrity in your life?

Further Study in Sermon on the Mount:

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In Your Relationships

"You have heard that it was said, 'Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.' But I tell you, do not resist an evil person."

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Four illustrations of kingdom living:

- Turn the other cheek (v. 39).
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How could your reactions to others better reflect that God is reigning in your life?

In Your Love

"You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you... Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect."

Matthew 5:43-48

When we love our enemies and pray for persecutors:

- We are _____ our Heavenly Father.
- We _____ from the world around us.

Who do you struggle to like that God is calling you to love?

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Questions from Sermon on April 26, 2026

Getting to Know Me

1. When has keeping your word cost you something?
2. Who is someone you've seen love an enemy well, and what did that look like?

Digging Deeper

3. Read Matthew 5:33-37, noticing how Jesus boils integrity down to a simple *yes* and *no*.
 - What makes something this simple so hard to live out?
 - Where do you see people using words to manipulate – in our culture or in your experience?
4. Read Matthew 5:38-42. What is the main idea Jesus is communicating here? What are the four examples of how a kingdom person responds to mistreatment, and which of these examples is hardest for you to practice?
5. Read Matthew 5:43-48. What is Jesus requiring of us, and how is it possible to relate to our enemies this way?
6. Read Romans 12:9-21, where Paul gives many commands in rapid-fire succession. What parallels do you see between these commands and Jesus' teaching in Matthew 5?

7. How does II Corinthians 5:21 shape the way you hear Jesus' words from Matthew 5:48, "*Be perfect...*"?
8. Jesus forgave his persecutors while he hung on the cross (Luke 23:34). What would it look like for us to follow his example of loving enemies and praying for persecutors today?

Making it Personal

9. Spend some time considering the questions posed on the sermon notes:
 - How highly do you value complete honesty and integrity in your life?
 - How could your reactions to others better reflect that God is reigning in your life?
 - Who do you struggle to love that God is calling you to love?
10. Is there a commitment you either need to fulfill or honestly let go of? Share, if you are comfortable sharing.
11. In what specific ways do you most want your love for Jesus to become more second-nature?

Prayer

Read the following prayer, and pray in agreement for God to make us perfect in this way:

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace... where there is hatred, let me sow love. (Saint Francis).

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- We are **ACTING LIKE** our Heavenly Father.
- We **STAND OUT** from the world around us.

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