

Sermon Notes

The Importance & Urgency of Going to Reconcile

Matthew 5:21-26

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There may be Q&A at the end as time allows. So note your questions.

5:21-22 We should take anger and insults as serious as murder.

(Ref.: Numbers 35:24, 30)

raka, Aramaic for something like “idiot”/“fool”

moray, Greek for something like “fool”

These behaviors make one liable to the community of faith, elders, and God.

Brother (male or female Christian)

5:23-24 We must try to reconcile to a brother, to rightly worship God.

We should go to great lengths to be reconciled.

(reference regarding our lives being worship: Romans 12:1-2)

It doesn't matter if we are the one who somebody else has something against, or we have something against somebody else, if we are aware of the problem, we are supposed to “go” to them.

(ref.: Matthew 18:15-)

We should go to them promptly, even if it is inconvenient.

5:25-26 Illustration of the urgency of going to try to reconcile

The traditions have been adopted by our society, but Jesus' ethics have not. Jesus-followers should follow the higher standards of Jesus.

What is your response to this? Discuss it with someone today.

Suggested related reading: Matthew 18:15-35

Suggested memorization: Matthew 5:23-24

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