

Homework

Simple Gospel

Fall 2025 | Week 7

Message Date 10/26/2025

MY STORY

- 1) What animal would make the worst motivational speaker, and why?
- 2) Which everyday item would cause the most chaos if it suddenly became self-aware?

QUICK REVIEW

- 3) What caught your attention from Sunday's message?

DIGGING DEEPER / TAKING IT HOME

Matthew 5:38–42 (NLT)

38 "You have heard the law that says, 'The punishment must match the injury: 'An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth.'" 39 But I say, do not resist an evil person! If someone slaps you on the right cheek, offer the other cheek also. 40 If you are sued in court and your shirt is taken from you, give your coat, too. 41 If a soldier demands that you carry his gear for a mile, carry it two miles. 42 Give to those who ask, and don't turn away from those who want to borrow."

- 4) What principle is Jesus teaching through these examples?

Proverbs 19:11 (NLT)

"Sensible people control their temper; they earn respect by overlooking wrongs."

- 5) What is this proverb teaching us about controlling our temper, and how does that align with the principle of what Jesus taught us about turning the other cheek?

Hebrews 12:15 (NLT)

"Look after each other so that none of you fails to receive the grace of God. Watch out that no poisonous root of bitterness grows up to trouble you, corrupting many."

- 6) What does this verse warn us about bitterness?

Matthew 5:43–48 (NLT)

43 “You have heard the law that says, ‘Love your neighbor’ and hate your enemy. 44 But I say, love your enemies! Pray for those who persecute you! 45 In that way, you will be acting as true children of your Father in heaven. For he gives his sunlight to both the evil and the good, and he sends rain on the just and the unjust alike. 46 If you love only those who love you, what reward is there for that? Even corrupt tax collectors do that much. 47 If you are kind only to your friends, how are you different from anyone else? Even pagans do that. 48 But you are to be perfect, even as your Father in heaven is perfect.”

- 7) What does it mean to love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you? What’s a way we can start to do that?
- 8) What does Jesus mean when He says to ‘be perfect’ like our heavenly Father?

Romans 15:13 (NLT)

“I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit.”

- 9) How does hope through the Holy Spirit empower us to live out Jesus’ call to radical love?

CHAIR TIME TOOLS

Think about the following questions and pray through them with Jesus.

- 1) Is there someone you need to forgive or release to God this week?
- 2) Is there an offense or hurt you have been holding that’s hindering peace in your heart?
- 3) Ask the Holy Spirit to fill you with love for those who are hard to love, and to remind you of the grace you’ve received.