

## CHRISTIAN ADULTING

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**BIG IDEA: Jesus challenges our retaliation and hatred with his kingdom way—an inside out revolution that changes us AND the world around us. *Jettison Retaliation and Hatred.***

<sup>38</sup> “You have heard it said, An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth. <sup>39</sup> But I tell you, don’t resist an evildoer. On the contrary, if anyone slaps you on your right cheek, turn the other to him also. <sup>40</sup> As for the one who wants to sue you and take away your shirt, let him have your coat as well. <sup>41</sup> And if anyone forces you to go one mile, go with him two. <sup>42</sup> Give to the one who asks you, and don’t turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you.

**Eye-for-an-eye** (Lev. 24:19-20)

**My Salt & Light people replace retaliation with revolutionary, \_\_\_\_\_.**

<sup>43</sup> “You have heard it said, Love your neighbor, and hate your enemy. <sup>44</sup> But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, <sup>45</sup> so that you may be children of your Father in heaven. For he causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. <sup>46</sup> For if you love those who love you, what reward will you have? Don’t even the tax collectors do the same? <sup>47</sup> And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what are you doing out of the ordinary?, Don’t even the Gentiles do the same? <sup>48</sup> Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect. **Matthew 5:38-48 CSB**

**My Salt and Light people \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Spiritual adulting.**

“In a word, what I’m saying is, Grow up. You’re kingdom subjects. Now live like it. Live out your God-created identity. Live generously and graciously toward others, the way God lives toward you.” **Matthew 5:48 MESSAGE**

***Teleios***—growth to maturity; complete, mature.

**YES, BUT HOW.**

<sup>1</sup> Clarify and \_\_\_\_\_ of being like Jesus—loving like him, for the same reasons he loves, with the same underneath mechanics.

<sup>2</sup> It happens in \_\_\_\_\_ with others—in community. Join a House Church.

<sup>3</sup> It means \_\_\_\_\_ to a trusted group of friends.

<sup>4</sup> It means letting God \_\_\_\_\_, challenge where you’re stuck. Directly and thru others.

***This is the vision of Kingdom-Infused humanity.***