

Matthew - Commentaries by Tim A. Roach

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Children—Tim Roach

Yes #47 by TIDINGS glad tidings I bring. Last year I went to Malaysia. Sometimes it's called it used to be called Borneo, and I have with me some Borneo bird flutes. And if you're good, you can even make it, probably make a song out of it. But I have these Borneo bird flutes. I have six of them, and I also have two bookmarks from Borneo. And if you're sitting in the front, you'll have an opportunity to get one of these. You don't know who's gonna get them. I don't know who's gonna get them. But if you're in the front, you have an opportunity to get. A Borneo bird flute or a Borneo bookmark. You know, the Lord Jesus said he was sitting there and the disciples were around him and the parents were bringing their children. To the Lord Jesus and the and. They wanted Jesus to touch them, but the disciples saw this and they said no, don't do that. Get away from Jesus. He's a busy man. And the Lord Jesus said, No, suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not. So I say to day, Let the little children come and sit in the front. Someone else have a song you'd like to sing? Yes #44. Into a. May I know perish my ankle, people. Nobody ever has a story, that's all. I can tell you I can. 0924333194. Zero nine 2801. Yeah, I'm glad I'm not bad. Nobody ever had smoking before. And everything we thought of that group of his friends.

You know, we talked about the Lord Jesus saying, come unto me, and he took the children. He took them into his arms, and there's no safer place in the whole wide world than in the arms of Jesus. You know, when I was I have a passport here. It's an old one, but it's full of stamps and passports and visa visas to go to many different countries, and I have one in here for the country of Senegal. And Senegal is on the West Coast of Africa, and I had to spend the night there once because I was going to the plane didn't leave until the next morning. So I had to get into the airport. I had to get a visa. In the airport and they sent me here and sent me there and I had to pay here and I had to pay money here and I had to pay money there just to get a visa. I see. Seems like I paid for the visa three times, but I had to get a visa and then I would go out into this crowded town or in front of the airport. It was all crowded, many people and I needed to get a taxi to the to the hotel. I didn't know where the hotel was and so I went to the policeman who was standing there and asked him if he could recommend somebody. So I could get to the hotel. He said, yeah, you go with this man here. So I went with this man here and he took me down the steps and down the street and we started getting away from people and there were no cars. I said, where are you taking me? Oh, it's in my taxi. So I had grabbed him and said, where are you taking me? And I, so I said, you let go of my suitcase. So I we agreed for him to let go of my suitcase and we went away. I don't know where he was going to take me, but he wasn't going to take me to the airport. He wasn't gonna take me to the to the motel, but the Lord tells us in Proverbs 21 and 31, he said the safety is of the Lord. We're gonna talk about safety today. Does somebody else have a song you'd like to sing? Yes. If a number or a song. #8 OK, we'll sing the first and last verse of #8. I have another passport in here, it's from Nigeria. I'll just, I'll just pass this around. You can take a look through it. Would you like to look through this? And then you pass it down the road to the next. And so the passport is from Nigeria. It has been a couple years now since I've been there. And brother Udolphia, we had a nice time together and but now I ask him if I can come and visit him again. He says no, I will not give you an invitation. He says he doesn't want to be responsible because there's lots of kidnapping and stealing and killings of foreigners. And so he says it's not safe for you to come.

I'm not going to give you a letter of invitation. I don't want to be responsible for that. And so I checked up on the website and the US government and the United Nations and the United Kingdom's website, and they say only essential travel. Don't travel to Nigeria unless you have to. There's a lot of evil and wicked men there, and they call them Boko Haram and ISIS. And then there's just a lot of poverty there. And so people kidnapped. Foreigners and they try to get money. Out of these people or they kill them and steal the money they have on their person. And so it's a very dangerous place to go. And so if you go up in northern Nigeria where ISIS, where Boko Haram is, they kill people, they kill children, they they kidnap people and it's very and they cut people's heads off. It's not a nice place to go. It's very dangerous. But in Luke chapter 12 and verse 4. Says I say unto you, my friends. Be not afraid of them that kill the body and after that have no more that they can do. But I will forewarn you whom you shall fear. Fear him, which, after he hath killed, has power to cast into hell. Yeah, I say unto you, Fear him. That's the Lord Jesus. We need to fear God. Because God has power to save you, and if you don't accept the Lord Jesus Christ as your Savior, he has power to put you into hell. And so you need to fear God, to fear the Lord Jesus Christ and come to him. Before it's too late. Before you have to be sent into a lost eternity. And so don't fear what man and other people can do to you. We need to fear God. Does somebody else have a song you'd like to sing? Yes. #4014 #14. Nsnoise. Two years ago I went to the DRC. It's called the Democratic Republic of Congo and there's a visa in there for that one too. It's not a stamp. They don't have a lot of resources. So they just put a stamp with a black and white stamper. They don't have, they don't put stickers in there, but that's for the Congo Republic of Con, Democratic Republic of Congo, and we went down to visit some people.

That were relatives of those people in the refugee camp that were in Malawi. And so we went down to visit these people and they were so amazed that somebody would come and visit them from a foreign country. Because there's so much danger there. Because the my, my rebels, they stay up in the in the mountains and they live up there. And when they run out of food, they come down into the villages and they attack people and they kill people and they kidnap the young children and bring them back up into the mountains and train them to be my, my rebels. And so the last time I was there as I was leaving Congo. There were big, there were many trucks coming in from the United Nations and they were bringing in their their peacekeeping forces, the security army. They were moving in to keep the people safe. And but people are afraid When these my, my rebels come down, they're afraid and so they run and they run to other countries as refugees. And many of them come down to Malawi and we are able to visit with them and give them the gospel. They're at the refugee camp. There's one young man he was he was just got in there, just not even a year ago. He came into Malawi from uh the Congo and they had, they were after his father and they murdered his father and then they took him and they tied him to a tree with a chain and they took a big hammer and they clubbed him on the feet and broke his legs. And then he had to walk all the way to Malawi. And on get transport in different ways,

get to Malawi with a broken leg that was crushed and we tried to get him some medical attention and do there are a lot of problems and he wasn't able to get it. So he has a pair of crutches, he gets around on a pair of crutches, but the crutches are only this short and and it's very difficult for him to get around. The Congo is not a place of safety. The Lord is our safety. Somebody else have a song you'd like to sing? Yes. What ABC? I don't know if I know the ABC's. Abcd. 5%. Waive it in the past where it's true. UPW's gone out, promised your ex-wife being a hobby and all in. Another country that's right next to Congo is Burundi, and that's all. There's a stamp in there for Burundi also, and in Burundi they're right next to Rwanda and they have the two people groups there, and one is called the Hutus and the other one is the Tutsis and the Hutus and the Tutsis, They don't like each other and they kill one another and some years ago. They they they all got angry with each other and they started killing one another. And I don't know how many hundreds of thousands of people were murdered back in the Rwanda massacres. But these people live in Burundi. And I went there and I was visiting some of the people there and every night when I was in the motel room the rebels were were shooting were fighting against the against the the government forces. And every night I hear the gunshots going all around town and. But in the daytime it was safe. You didn't hear any gunshots and you could move around. It was it was quite safe. Couple days after I left there, I heard on the news that just across the street from the hotel we were staying at, somebody set off a bomb and killed some people there. But it's. Right now it's kind of safe, but it's it's not all the safest place. But again, safety is of the Lord. And there's a verse in Psalm 4 and verse 8 and I'll read that to you. It says, I will both lay me down in peace and sleep. For you, Lord, only make me dwell in safety. So safety is of the Lord you can you can go in this world anywhere and you can be safe. When the Lord is keeping you safe, it may be that He has.

Other things in mind for you, there may be struggles, there may be difficulties, there may be danger, But if the Lord wants to keep you safe. There's nothing man can do, so fear God. Someone else have a song you'd like to sing? Yes. #29 In Malawi we hand out a lot of tracks and thank you tracks and calendars. And I was going through the city of the Long Way and going to all the shop shops and giving calendars and tracks and all the Muslim owners. And as I was going around somebody came up to me and warned me, said there's thieves coming. And they're they're they're following you. And I thank them very much. So the next day I went out and was giving out more tracks and calendars, and I had two toy phones and I put one in each pocket and I tied a rope to it and tied it to my to my belt. And as I was going around town giving out tracks at lunchtime, I stopped and one of the phones was gone. It was missing and the rope was gone. I don't know how they got it from me, but I I never felt it and. So the afternoon I saw I'm going to tie this one on real good. They're not going to get this other one. And so I was in a shop giving some tracks and calendars, talking to people. I felt this tug on my belt and I looked down and here a man is holding my phone with the the rope going over to him. He didn't see the rope and he's pretending he's using his phone. He's pushing the buttons and it's playing little children tunes. And so I took on the rope and and he pulls back and then he realized what happened. So I I blocked the doorway so he couldn't get out but he was bigger than I was and he ran right through me and right out the door and and. But that wasn't too scary. That was wasn't too unsafe. But we had some friends, also missionary friends, who lived in another town, and they. One night the the thieves came in, they had machetes and they and they hacked up the Watchmen and they came, they took a big, a big battering ram, a big piece of wood, and they banged on the door until they broke the door down and then they attacked them and robbed them at gunpoint. So those people, that family, they were afraid. And so they came to our house and they stayed in our house for a few days.

Well. Matthew 6 verse 19 says, Lay not up for yourselves, treasures upon earth. Where thieves breakthrough and steal. But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven. This world is not a safe place. Some of you might say it's best that we just stay right here in America and be safe. But you know on March 27th of this year, the headlines on USA TODAY Americans ask where can I be safe? Where can I be safe? The Americans are afraid. Also there's riots and there's all all sorts of people doing all sorts of. Bad things here in America. We don't need terrorists here in America because we kill our own people and people are afraid. During the year of 2016, I have some stats written down here. 465,676 people were found missing. Missing reports were filed. People were being kidnapped here in the United States of America and they were missing for other reasons as well. And already in 2017, from January up until through yesterday morning, 731,351 babies were murdered. And as I was looking over these stats, for about four or five minutes, 16 more babies were murdered here in the United States. She's a little innocent babies, and they're killing them. If they're willing to kill an innocent baby, what are they gonna do to you someday? They don't care if they kill a baby or an adult. Well, 22,642 People were killed by drunk driving. 11,251 People were killed in murders. And get this one 4011 People were killed while texting. Texting while driving. That's more than 15 people a day. Who will those next 15 people be Who will die today texting? We might say who will be vexed from the next text. It could be you. You don't know who's texting out there. Maybe you. I know some of you also text as you drive. It only takes a moment and things can go bad. 303,361 Pedestrians? Has anybody here ever crossed the street? Raise your hand if you've crossed the street. You're a pedestrian. 3361 Pedestrians were killed walking along the road, crossing the street. When we were at camp this past last week, somebody fell out of bed and they loosened and their tooth got loose. 400 people this year were killed by falling out of bed. I don't understand how that happened, but 400 people died from falling out of bed. I tell you America is not a safe place. But where can we be safe? I have in my passport one more visa. I don't know if any of you noticed it. I ha, I I got a. A blow up of the. It's a visa for the Kingdom of heaven. Some of you on the side can't see it, so I'll show it to you. It's a visa for the Kingdom of heaven, the country of heaven. You can come look at it later. If you were going to get a Kingdom, a visa, children, if you're going to get a visa to enter into the Kingdom of heaven, what requirements do you need to get a visa? I just went to Angola a couple months ago and I had to go all the way into New York City. They wanted to interview me, find out who I was, who I was visiting. They said you're going to visit this man. You've never met him before. You don't know him. How do you know him? How do you know you're going to be safe in our country? There's a lot of bad people in our country. How are you going to be safe? You don't even know this guy.

Well, they said we don't have to give you a visa. I said yeah, but I already paid for my air tickets. I already have my motel reservations already paid for them. Well, you should have gotten your visa first, but you have to have your your have to have your plane ticked before you can apply for your visa, so. But they said we'll let you know in 10 business days whether or not we've approved your visa. So I got in my car and I left the next morning I was driving down the road and I got a phone call from the Angola. Embassy and they said. We've had an emergency. We've sent somebody else's passport in your return envelope back to your house. And So what we did, we immediately approved your visa and sent your visa back to you with another return envelope so you can send their passport to them. So. The Lord overrules. He wanted me to go to Angola, so the spirit of God worked in such a way so I could get that visa to go. So there's requirements to get a visa. What are the requirements for you to get this visa to go to the Kingdom of Heaven? Well, the first thing is you need to have a name, because names are very important to God because he has a book and he has a book of names written in the Lamb's book of life. And if your name is not written in the Lamb's book of life, guess what? You're not gonna get a visa to go to heaven. You're not gonna be permitted to enter into heaven, But then you need to know your nationality. Well, most of us are. Americans, are Canadians, or maybe some other country, But you are a descendant of Adam. Adam is our father. He's the first man and we're all children of Adam. And so that makes you an Earth child in the

South African airport. There's a store there and it sells T-shirts and it says I'm an Earth child. Not sure what that means, but an Earth child means you are born. As a Sinner and the wages of sin is death. Romans 6:23 The wages of sin is death. Each one of you need to understand that you are a Sinner, you're lost, and you deserve punishment in the lake of fire. Then we need to know what your criminal record is. My criminal record. All have sinned and come short of the glory of God. Each one of you are a Sinner. We're all sinners. But my my record says I'm justified. My record, my criminal record, is clearance. I've been cleared by the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. The blood of Jesus Christ. God Son cleanses us from all sin. So we're clear. We're clean. We're we're washed by the blood of the lamb. Then we have a date of issue. They need to know what date they approved your visa. And so I ask you this morning, if you're going to get a visa, what date were you saved? Mine here says July 1970 ±. I don't remember the exact date, but I remember I got saved. What date were you saved? That is the day that you believed on the Lord Jesus Christ and you entrusted Jesus Christ to be your savior. Do you know? Do you know? If you are saved, are you gonna be able to get a visa for heaven? Do you know if you are saved? If you don't know that, you are saved? You come and talk to me afterwards. I want to make sure that you are saved. Then sometimes you get a choice when you get a visa, whether it's a single entry or a multiple entry. Well, my visa for the Kingdom of heaven has a single entry. You can only get into the Kingdom of heaven. Once into the country of heaven, you can only be saved one time. John 5:24 says, Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word and believes on him that sent me has everlasting life. And shall not come into condemnation, but is past from death unto life. I'm saved. I can't lose that salvation. I will not go into condemnation. I was talking last night. I went to pick my wife up at the airport at 10:30 up in Paducah and I got there an hour early and nobody else is in the airport. And then this lady, she came in, she was an hour early too. The two of us were there and she looked sad and she said she was there to pick up her, her son and and his wife.

Because her husband was in the hospital in intensive care after, after some while thinking about Sunday school, I asked her what's what's wrong with your husband? Well, he is suffering. He is 71 years old and he has some sickness and he's got pains and he couldn't take the pains anymore. So he took a handful of his pills and tried to commit suicide. Well, they tried to revive him. They brought him in an ambulance to the hospital. And they they revived him. His. Why did you bring me here? Why did you revive me? I wanna go see Jesus. But his sons told them, told his wife he can't go to heaven if he commits suicide if you kill yourself. You're gonna go to hell. And so I showed her this verse. He that hears my word and believes on him that sent me has everlasting life. It doesn't matter how you die, you have everlasting life. You will not come into condemnation. That man knows Jesus as his savior. He will not come into condemnation. But he's passed from death unto life. He is safe. And then in your and then in the. You want to know how long your visa is good for. Some are good for 30 days. Some are good for a year. Some countries let you get a 10 year visa. Well, this visa, the duration is eternal. It's eternal. The gift of God is eternal life. Roman, 6:23. The expiry date. What day does it expire? It never expires. John 10:28. I shared this verse with the lady last night too. John 10:28 You shall never perish, and nobody can take you out of your. Out of Jesus hands. We're safe in Jesus hands. We started that in the beginning of the meeting that Jesus took the little children up into his arms. And then in John chapter 10 it says you're safe in his hands you will never perish. You can't get out of Jesus hands. No man can take you out of his hands. Jesus will keep you safe. And the next verse says that the Father has you in his hands. That man who tried to commit suicide, even if he dies, he can't get himself out. Of Jesus hands, because he's safe. He will never perish. He will not come into condemnation. He is safe. And then when you get a visa, it has to be sealed by the proper authorities. Mine was approved by the ministry of reconciliation and it's sealed by the Holy Spirit. We have that in Ephesians. Sealed with the Holy Spirit and then it. Then you sometimes you need to have it signed and mine is signed by Jesus Christ. Revelation 22, verse 16, Jesus says. I, Jesus, have sent my Angel to testify unto you these things. In the churches and then he signs that he says I am the offspring of David. I am the Bright and Morning Star. Jesus, he wants to save you. He wants you to be able to go to be with him in heaven. He wants you to have an passport where you can get into heaven. To be with him. He doesn't want you to send, to send you to hell. He wants you to go, to be with him in heaven. Earlier this year, I went back to Burundi and I wanted to get into Congo, but I was too late. I couldn't get a visa for Congo. I didn't have time. And so if I tried to get into Congo, I would be denied entry. And there's some of you here today that you might have a problem when you try to get into heaven. Because. You need to have a visa. You don't. You don't have to have a visa like we do, but you need to have something that gives you clearance to get into heaven. But if I try to get into Congo, I would be denied. And I ask you, will you be denied if you try to get into heaven? We have in Matthew Chapter 7 and verse 21. He says, Not everyone that says unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the Kingdom of heaven. But he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven, many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? And in thy name have cast out devils, and in thy name done many wonderful works. Maybe you've come to Sunday School and you say, Lord, I've been to Sunday School so many times. I didn't say a Sunday School verse this week, but I say a Sunday School verse every week. I memorize them. I remember them. I pray at night. I even say Lord.

I used to do that. Every night I pray Lord Jesus, if I'm not save, save me. Then I go about and be my own self. They had to come to a point where I realized I was a Sinner and I couldn't be saved until I realized I was lost. And then I had to believe on the Lord Jesus. Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved. We don't want you to be denied entry to heaven. Verse 23 says the Lord Jesus responds to you who don't know Jesus as your savior. He responds to you who reject Jesus. You say I don't want to hear it, but listen because you are hearing it today, the Lord Jesus will say to you, I never knew you Why do you think you want to get into heaven? Why do you want to be with me forever if you don't want to have me in your life here on earth? And so? Lord Jesus will say, depart from me, ye that work iniquity. If you are not sure that you will be received into the Kingdom of heaven. Please come and talk to me sometime today. I said at the beginning of the meeting. That we're going to give some of these. Borneo Bird flutes to some people, and I have six of them. And then I have two Borneo bookmarks. And while supplies last, however. I will give it to the first eight people who come and tell me when they got saved or how they got saved, and then I'll I'll let you choose one of these flutes or the bookmark.

Pella Conference: 2012, I Didn't Get Mad, Bit I Got Even. I Needed Jesus. (5:38,43)

Children—Tim Roach

Let's let's begin the meeting this morning by seeing #40 Jesus Loves Me. We'll sing the 1st 2 verses of Jesus Loves Me. Jesus loves me. And I'm fine today. I know that she's not possibly changing. Ya, ya ya. Father, we give thanks for the Sunday school. We give thanks for the children here. Today we just ask for for guidance and sing the first verse and chorus of #41. Around the. World. Your brother or your sister, they hit you. You don't think that's very fair, do you? It's unjust. But when you hit them back, then you think, oh, that's fair. And then you can

start a just war, a fair war. Remember when I was a kid? I used to get my brother. So angry I get him as frustrated as I could so he could hit me. So I could have an excuse to hit him back. And then I'd hear my mother downstairs in the kitchen, rifling through the the drawer, looking for a wooden spoon. She knew how to use it, too. I was a Sinner. I was a Sinner on my way to a lost eternity in hell. Let's sing #42. A little child. But I feel like I'm right on, on, on. When I was a little older and I knew better. I was. I was staying with a friend and she would flick water at me at the table. Well, I had to get even. So I threw a cup of water at her when I had the opportunity. And then later that night, when I was sleeping, she had a big bucket of ice cold water. And I got wet. Well, they had a pool. And when opportunity arose, I was able to push her in when she was all clothed and dressed. You know, we can do some fun things, but after a while it can get mean. And it can become sin.

Let's sing #43. 1. Second, I want him. I want grits. I got you. When I was in school, I don't think I ever had a fight. Umm, people would chase me around. I remember one one time there were three kids, they were chasing me around for a week. They chased me every day. But when they chase people chase you, you learn to run fast and they never caught me. Well, on Friday that week we went on a trip into the city with all the class, the class trip, and we went to a big field and we were playing some games and stuff. And they chased me around the whole time we were there. They couldn't catch me. So when we got back on the bus, I was sitting up towards the front, they were towards the back and one of those kids came up behind me and slugged me on the side of the head so hard. The teacher looked at me to see what I was going to do. I did nothing. I didn't get mad, but I got even. And that's the motto I live my life by for a long time. Don't get mad. But get even. And that's a that can become a problem because after a while you get older. And it changes from not getting mad to not forgiving. I'm not gonna forgive you, but I'm gonna get even with you, and that's sin and it's in our hearts. Let's sing #44. First verse and last verse. Hmm. Nnoise. No, I can't get out of American Times, so. As you as you young kids, as your kids get older, you start to do bigger and bigger sins. I want to tell you a story about a a man who grew up in a Christian home just like you. You're sitting here today. He went to many conferences. This man, he decided he was going to join the military and he said I want to go and I want to kill myself, some Iraqis. And he joined the war as a sniper. And he killed many men. He could look through his gun a mile away. He could see a man inside the scope on his gun. And he could sit there and wait and wait for hours. Until the man he was looking for, they call him a target. Until his target came into view. He could pull that trigger and shoot him. One of those snipers.

He got himself set up one night before daylight. He got himself all in under the brush and hid himself. And he was there, waiting, and there was a. A car was gonna come up the road. The man was gonna get out of the car and he was supposed to shoot him, and he was a long distance away. Nobody knew the sniper was there under the brush. The car pulled up. The man got out. He was holding a little child. The man figured nobody would shoot there. Shoot him when he's holding a child. The sniper aims. He took his time. He didn't want to shoot because he didn't want to kill the child. He had good aim. He was able to account for the wind. He was able to account for the heat. In the bullet, it hit the man and killed him. When the bullet hit him, it exploded. And the concussion killed the child, too. That man has a lot of guilt. When you're in war. You have to kill people. God does not want us to kill people. He wants us to give them the gospel of the Lord Jesus. You, you young children, you're young. You don't do many bad things. Well, maybe you do. Your mom probably thinks knows more what you do, but they're little things. But as you get older, they get to be bigger and bigger things and you get to have hatred in your heart if you don't be careful. I want to ask you, some of your kids are in school. What do you do when someone hates you at school? What do you do? You'll learn in school that you can be somebody. You can make something of yourself in this world. They'll tell you you can make this world a better place. And you can fight for your rights in this world. Let's go to Matthew Chapter 5. There's a verse in in the book of Peter that says Christ suffered for us and he left us an example that we should follow in his steps. Well, when a Christian goes to war or he has fights at school. That's not that's not what Jesus taught. That's not what Jesus practiced. Listen to what Jesus taught in Matthew chapter 5, verse 38. You have heard that it has been said an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth. What's that mean? It means if you hit me, I'm gonna hit you back. An eye for an eye. You put my eye out, I'm gonna put your eye out. We we go to a refugee camp in in Karonga in Malawi and we get people coming down there from 2 fighting tribes from Burundi and Rwanda in the Congo. One of them will kill somebody's brother and then that family will come back and kill off that guy's whole family. And then that guy will go back and and it escalates and gets into a big war and then they run for their lives and they come down to a place where they can be a refugee. Lord Jesus says. You have heard it said, This is how it was under the law, an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth. But the Lord Jesus says unto you in verse 39 that you resist not evil, but whosoever shall smite thee on the right cheek, turn to him also the other. So if somebody comes up to you and hits you in the face, what are you going to do? What does God say you should do? He says. Turn the cheek. Let the other, let him hit the other side. But you know what? It works. When I was a kid in school, probably grade four or five, we all had to line up outside the school in front of the door after the bell rang, before we could go into the school and after everybody was lined up quietly, then we could go in. Well, I was up near the front of the line and this bully, he came up and he, he, he got in front of us for me and a couple others. And so I said to him, you can't **** in front of us. He says, Oh yeah, what are you gonna do about it? And he hauled off and he punched me in the side of the face. I thought about this verse. It says turn your other cheek. And so I kind of chuckled a little bit and I turned my other cheek and he hit that one too. But then he left and he walked and went to the back to the end of the line. The Lord Jesus tells us things that may be hard to do.

But it works. Let's go to John 15. As believers, we have been called to follow the example of Jesus, who turned the other cheek. Jesus did not return evil for evil. And he warns you. He offers you salvation and when you're saved, then he warns you. And he warns the believers that we're going to be hated by the world. And in verse 17, Jesus says these things. I command you that you love one another. You know when we have enemies at school or or at work. God tells the Christians you need to love one another to help one another. Then he says in verse 18, if the world hate you, you know that it hated me before it hated you. We might suffer for Christ if we're a Christian. There was a man. I'm a lady. She was in a in a meeting. They were having a Bible meeting over in one of these other countries, the Islamic countries, where they killed Christians. And she was in the, she was in the meeting and they were quietly singing and praying and they were teaching. And then the Islamic radicals came in and they started beating and killing the people. And the one man picked up his club and he was ready to club this lady on her head, but she was down there on her knees at that point. And she was praying and she was praying for this young man who was about to kill her and as he raised that club above his head to kill the lady. He heard she was praying for him. And then he got down on his knees, and he accepted the Lord as his savior. Verse 20 The greater the servant is not greater than his Lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you. Jesus. Before the Lord Jesus went to the cross. He was in the garden of Gethsemane, and he was praying. He had a quiet time with his father, and he was praying to his father and saying. Oh, Father, he didn't want to have to go to the cross, but he says, if this is your will, I will do it. And so the Lord Jesus finished praying in the garden, and he goes to his disciples and he says, come on, let's go, it's time to go. And so they get up and they start to leave the garden. And as they went out into the night, Judas, he wasn't with them at that time. All the other disciples were with him, but Judas wasn't there. Judas had gone to talk to the rulers of the Jews. And he said to the rulers of the Jews, come with me, I know where Jesus is. You can arrest him, You can apprehend him today, tonight. And so they went, and they found

Jesus. And Judas came up to Jesus, and he took Jesus. And he gave him a kiss of death. The Lord Jesus said to the group of men who were around him trying to arrest him, he says. Who are you looking for? He said Jesus of Nazareth, Jesus says I am. I am He that is the name of Almighty God, Jehovah, the Creator of the universe. And these men, when they heard that they could not help themselves, because God says every knee shall bow, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord. And so all those men, the rulers of the Jews who hated Jesus, they couldn't help themselves. They stepped back and they bowed down before Jesus. They fell down before him. Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess. A little time after that the Lord Jesus is standing before Pilate, and Pilate was asking him about his Kingdom. But just before that, Peter did not want these rulers of the Jews to get the Lord Jesus. And so he took out he had a sword, Peter had a sword and he took his sword out. Well, I don't know what kind of sword Peter had, but I'm thinking it's probably something like this. They use what they don't use these things for killing people. They use these things for digging holes, burying things, uh build putting fence posts in. They use it for digging up rocks so they can get a rock to throw it at A at a bird so they can have something to eat. They use it for cutting off some fruit out of the tree so they can eat some bananas or some mangoes.

That's what they use these for, and they also use them to protect themselves from the wild dogs. I don't think the Lord Jesus meant for his disciples to have swords to kill people with. Well, Peter, he had this sword. What was he going to do with it? And so he took that sword and he went, tried to kill the servant of the high priest Malchus. And he he missed, he had bad aim. And he he got the ear, the right ear. Of Malchus. The Lord Jesus said Peter, don't do that. That's not why we're here. My time has not yet come. And the Lord Jesus reached out and healed. Malkus ear. Peter wanted to protect the Lord. He wanted to fight for his rights in this world. And to fight for his values. The Lord Jesus came to be the king, but Peter was going to protect that. But there was nothing he could do. There was nothing he could do to make the system of this world a better place. Let's go to John, chapter one. You kids are going to learn in school that you can change this world. But the Christian We can't change the morals of this world. Sometimes Christians try to get together and vote. There's a presidential vote coming up. They try to vote. And get out the man that they don't like and try to put in the man they do like. Well, the Lord Jesus came into this world. He was going to be the king of this world. The King of the Jews. But his own people didn't want him. They didn't want him there in the garden of outside the garden of Gethsemane. With Judas they arrested the Lord Jesus. They didn't want him. And in verse 11 it says he came unto his own and his own received him not. They didn't want him. The Lord Jesus did not force himself on them. I don't believe that you or I should chase a position or try to vote some man into position. That crate into a position that Christ did not accept himself. Am I better to go than God to think that I can go against his example? Remember boys and girls, Jesus left you an example to follow. And do I think that do we think that we're better than God, that we can go and try to vote in the best man when God says the basest man is the worst man is going to be in power? The Lord Jesus said to Pilate after a while he was talking to Pilate. About his Kingdom and he says to Pilate, my Kingdom is not of this world. If my Kingdom were of this world, my servants would fight. You know what, boys and girls? If you go over to Iran or to Iraq, where some of those Muslim countries, even in Canada and some some schools in the United States, they take young children like you and they teach you how to kill. They teach you how to kill Christians. And they send their children off. With suicide bombs, and they die in the name of their God to send other people into a lost eternity. The Lord Jesus says my Kingdom is not of this world. He doesn't want Peter to fight for his rights in this world. He doesn't want you boys and girls to fight for your rights at school. He doesn't want us to be fighters of men or shooters of men. He wants us to be fishers of men. He wants us to tell others about the Lord Jesus. Let's go to Ephesians 6.

You know we should not get as Christians. We should not get involved in the affairs of this world, trying to make this world a better place by voting, by going on campaigns, by UH, going to war, this verse, Ephesians 6:12 Says. We wrestle not against flesh and blood, but that's what happens when we when we fight at school, we're trying to fight for our own things that we want for myself, things that make me feel better. We try to beat that guy up so he doesn't. Have control over me. And it says we don't wrestle against flesh and blood. But against spiritual wickedness in high places. Boys and girls, even in your school, in grade school. Their spiritual wickedness there. And you have things you got to fight against at school. Spiritual Warfare. How many kids in your school know about Jesus? Some of them do, but some of them don't. I know a man. He was raised in this in the assembly. He remembered the Lord in his death. Now he has two children. They have never heard about Jesus. They don't know who Jesus is and if you meet those two children in school. There's a spiritual warfare because they don't know Jesus and you do. And there's a difference between you who know Jesus, and a difference between the person who doesn't know Jesus. Because your eternity is in heaven with Jesus. Their eternity is in hell. Without Jesus. And so there can be a warfare in school. Some boys and girls have trouble with telling lies. For flighting or cheating on tests. For stealing. Satan wants to get that into your heart. Trying to get you to get something that takes you away from the Lord Jesus. And so we have a spiritual warfare while we're here in this world. God hasn't told us. Nowhere in God's word does he tell us to have a fight or a war. He wants us to tell people about the savior of sinners. He wants you to be fishers of men, to tell people how to be saved. And so, but you need to know that when you, when they when you were taught to try to make this world a better place, try to change people. You can't change people, God says in Romans chapter three, he says. There is nobody that seeks after God. Nobody's looking for God. There's nobody who does good, not one, not one person. If any of you, boys or girls or young men or women, are here today and you don't know the Lord Jesus Christ as your Savior, there is nothing good in you. You may sit here and think you're pretty good because you came to the meeting, but there's nothing good in you. Even the good things you try to do, it's sin against God because you're doing it for yourself and your own glory. You're not doing it for the glory of the Lord Jesus. There is none that doeth good without the Lord Jesus. Go to First Timothy 6. And so I asked. What does God want us to do? And our verse here in First Timothy 6 verse 12, it tells us what God wants us to do. It says fight. Fight the good fight of faith. How are we gonna do that? How are we gonna fight the good fight of faith? In Mark, it tells the book of Mark, chapter 16, verse 15. It tells us that Jesus wants us to go into all the world and preach the gospel. But you kids that are in second grade or 4th grade or 8th grade, you can't go into all the world and preach the gospel. So what does this verse mean? It means that you need to preach the gospel wherever you are. That could be at school, that could be on the playground.

It could be. Where you work. People need to know about the Lord Jesus. We can maybe try to vote, we can maybe go to war, try to kill people, we can fight. But it won't change the bad hearts of people, the only way the hearts of people will be changed. Is by Jesus Christ and when they confess their sins. And they believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and they turn away from their sin, and they have everlasting life. Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved. If you believe you will have everlasting life. God does not want us to go. Into war. To kill the wicked sinners. Oh, I know. Sometimes our our hearts, when we're being frustrated at school by some friends that that just they hate us. Oh, we just wanna kill them. Sometimes we even say that. But God doesn't want us to kill the wicked sinners. That's not God's way. God wants us to go out and tell the wicked lost sinners. About the Savior and the way of salvation so that they can be saved, so that they can become a worshipper of God, so that they can give glory to God. There's only one way for you kids to be saved. We're talking about being fishers of men so you can go out and tell others about the Lord Jesus. But you know what? Before you can do that, you need to be saved yourself. How? How can you be saved? Some people say, Oh, I asked the Lord Jesus into my heart. But. Is that how you get saved? Can the Lord Jesus come

into a sinful heart? Something has to happen before the Lord Jesus can come in. You need to admit that you are a Sinner and that you are going. On a lost road to hell. You're lost and on your way to hell. You need to admit that. And you need to admit that Jesus had to come down very God, the Son of God himself, came down into this world to die on the cross because of your sin. And while he was on that cross, God punished Jesus for your sin and for my sin until the Lord Jesus could say it is finished and there was no more that needed to be done for you to be saved except for you to have faith. To believe. Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved. And as you are saved, God wants to send you out to tell others about the Lord Jesus. How are you going to tell others? What's the message? First thing you need to do. Is to live a life like Christ, to follow his example, so people can see in you that you are different from the world, that you are different from the people who party every night or they go home and they and they cheat on tests or they they do many bad things. They want to see that you're different, but if you go to school and you're fighting with those kids, they're not going to see a difference. So first thing we need to do is to act. Like a child of God. And then people will see us, and they will ask us what makes you different. When I was in high school. There is a young man. He came and and spoke to me, he said. I don't know what it is about you, but I like you. I had an opportunity to tell him. About the Savior. But I didn't. I was shy. I was afraid to mention the name of Jesus. I failed. I don't know where that young man is right now. Let's go to Matthew 5. The Lord Jesus talks about love.

And war and fighting. And trying to get the best for ourselves. It does not go together with the love of God. Matthew 5, verse 43 It says you have heard that it was said you shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy. That's that's that's natural for us to love her, to enjoy our friends, love our neighbors and to hate our enemies. And God said that's how it used to be. But now as a Christian, it's changed. Says But I say unto you, verse 44 But I say unto you, Love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you. That's a challenge. That's a challenge. How can you pray for somebody who's doing bad things to you? When I was in in in Africa. There was a Somalian man. And I was driving out of the driveway and he was standing with a whole big group of other Somalians. Now the Somalians there, they in Somalia, they are the number two worst country. For hating Christians and killing Christians, North Korea is the worst. Somalia is the second. Well, there's a whole group of the Somalis standing there in the road, so I couldn't get by. He was standing here like this. And so I pulled up next to him. He put his hand inside the car, right in his hand, right in my face and said Christian. And all the other Somalis, they were staring at me. I said you're right, I am a Christian. I know the Lord Jesus Christ as my savior. He loves me. And he loves you, too, he said. Get out of here. And the crowd of Somalis parted like the Red Sea, and they allowed me to drive through. Those people hated me. If I was in their country, they would have killed me. Because they were in Malawi. They had to let me go. They hated me. Can I pray for those people? Can I give them the gospel? Can I tell them about the Lord Jesus? Or do I wanna join the army and go over and kill those people? What does God want me to do? Some of you young men. You're having a big decision time in life. It's a great thing to join the military because they pay for your education and they you get a lot of benefits and they afterwards they pay for your your uh medical. There's a lot of benefits. But it's a challenge. The Lord Jesus prayed for his enemies. When they persecuted him on the cross, as he was hanging there, they had spit on him, they had punched him in the face, they had whipped him on the back. They nailed him to the cross. The Lord Jesus had to be punished for their sins and at that time the Lord Jesus could say Father forgive them. They don't know what they're doing. Let us follow the example of the Lord Jesus as you go back to your homes. I was gonna say back to school, but it's gonna be your summer break pretty soon. But as you go back home and you meet with your friends. Try to be an example of the Lord Jesus and follow in his steps. And we can love our enemies, and we can pray for our enemies. We can pray for their salvation. But remember, you need to be saved first. You need to know the Lord Jesus Christ as your Savior first. That's the most important. Let's sing #46. Uh, can I get a new station in the community? Uh, if you give me a call, I'm getting a call on the day by hour. I was like, I've been on all the day, all I am to do together to see how are you. I'm getting him and I've always been so much of what's the word?

47 First verse and chorus when he comes. Home. Like the fire song from all of your chains and crying. Umm, I don't know what you're saying.

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