

Matthew 5:17-26 "Love is the Fulfilling of the Law"

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1. (17) It would seem Jesus may be responding to an underlying critique around his approach to God's law. What do you think might be behind this?
2. (17-20) How does Jesus invite his followers to approach the Hebrew scriptures?
3. (21) How did the Pharisees understand and apply the 6th commandment?
4. (22) What are the raw materials of murder that reside in our hearts?
5. (23-26) God's commands even in the prohibitive form always enjoin and entail the positive – press toward right relationship. How do Jesus' examples invite us to the work of restoring relationship?
6. How can the love of God expressed for us in Jesus lead us to live this way?
7. How did the teaching of Jesus speak into your own broken or strained relationships?