

“He can’t mean that, right?”

Sermon Series: Epiphany

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Luke 6:27-38

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- 1) Sometimes, “He can’t mean that,” is just a comfortable way of saying, **“Did God really say?”**

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?’” *(Genesis 3:1)*

- 2) We call **“good”** what Jesus calls **“adequate at best.”**

⁴³ “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ ⁴⁴ But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵ so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. *(Matthew 5:43-45)*

For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. *(Matthew 5:20)*

You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect. *(Matthew 5:48)*

- 3) Jesus **means every word.**

³³ And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴ And Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.” And they cast lots to divide his garments. *(Luke 23:33-34)*

Q: Is there any situation in my life where I could live out one of these commandments this week?