

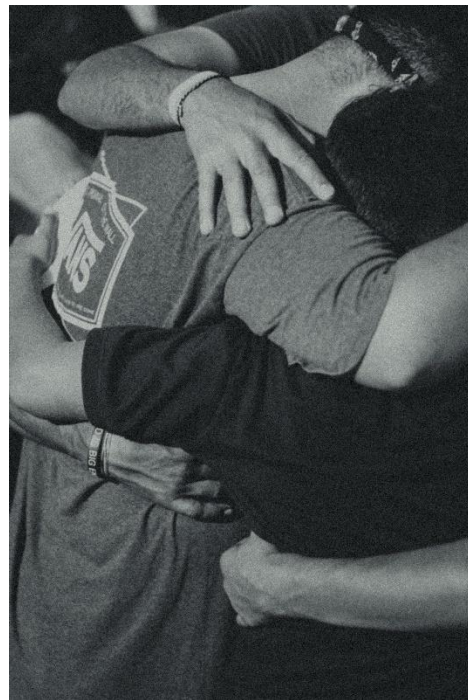
“The Extra Mile of Reconciliation”

~ Matthew 5:21–26

Sermon Series: Epiphany

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1. Two Images — The altar (spiritual) and the courtroom/prison (legal)

²³ So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you... ²⁵ Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest...you be put in prison. *(Matthew 5:23, 25)*

2. What are we willing to suffer for the sake of our anger/grudge?

¹⁴ But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. ¹⁵ Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death *(James 1:14–15)*

¹³ Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you *(Colossians 3:13)*

3. How far are you willing to go for reconciliation?

⁴¹ And if anyone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles... *(Matthew 5:41)*

²³ So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, ²⁴ leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift... *(Matthew 5:23–24)*