



## PART 8... THE EPILOGUE

### Introduction – becoming who you were Born to be

Matthew 5:44-45; Mark 1:15

### Review, Random Thoughts, & questions...

Matthew 5:1-6:18

*ON FOLLOWING JESUS (NOT THE BIBLE)...*

#### **JESUS THOUGHT:**

His central theme is not doctrine (although important), and not lifestyle (although crucial), but \_\_\_\_\_.

#### **IMPLICATION FOR JESUS PEOPLE:**

In any religious organization that is held together primarily by the belief system (doctrine – believing all the right stuff – the list), the #1 threat to stability is \_\_\_\_\_. In any community of faith that is held together by love for God and each other, questions become part of the glue that holds them together.

*ON DOUBTING YOUR FAITH...*

*ON BREAKING THE RULES (TO RELEASE THE SPIRIT)...*

*ON THE LOVE OF GOD & LOVING GOD...*

Question #1 – re. The frequency and fairness of prayer.

**Luke 8:1-8; Luke 2:37; 1 Timothy 5:5  
Mark 9:14-29**

Question #2 – re. The relevance of the Old Testament.

**Matthew 5:17-18  
Matthew 19:3-9; Mark 7:14-19; Acts 10-11; Hebrews 7:1-9:10  
Ephesians 2:14-15; Colossians 2:13-17  
John 5:39-40; Luke 24:27**

Question #3 – re. Prayer & Conflict...

**Matthew 5:44; Acts 4:29**

### Conclusion – god on the cross

**2 Corinthians 5:19**

#### HOME CHURCH QUESTIONS...

##### WARMING UP...

1. Explore and discuss this quote by Leo Tolstoy: *Everybody thinks of changing humanity, and nobody thinks of changing himself.* (How much does this thought apply to you?)
2. Take time to review this week's message and discuss your reactions. Talk about what most challenged, puzzled, or encouraged you.

##### LOOK TO THE BOOK...

3. Let's take time to "soak in" Jesus' teaching. Read all of what we have covered in this series – **Matthew 5:1-6:18**. If time permits, read through the passage more than once from different translations. Don't be in a rush.
4. Let's learn from each other's experience and interaction with Jesus' teaching. In what ways have you applied lessons from the Jesus' teaching in the Sermon on the Mount to your own life (whether during this series or before)? Share your stories.
5. In what areas are you a) still not convinced Jesus' teachings are right for you?, b) still struggling to understand what Jesus meant?, c) still not living out his teachings even though you agree you should?, d) trying but struggling and needing help in following The Way?

##### SO WHAT?...

6. Take a few moments (2-3 minutes) to meditate on **Matthew 7:24** as it applies to *your* life. (If you like, after meditating share any new insights or old reminders that have come to mind.)
7. Pray for each other regarding issues raised in #5 above.

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