

SERMON NOTES

October 1 & 2, 2022

Flip the Script | How to Overcome Evil *Matthew 5:10-12*

1. Evil is to _____.

Love is to _____.

2. Evil can manifest within us into _____.

"The Sickness unto Death" Soren Kierkegaard

3. Suffering happens _____ **Romans 12:21**

Evil happens _____.

4. The Sermon on the Mount violates my _____.

Matthew 5: 10-12

5. Reality is what I run into _____.

6. I can overcome evil when I _____

_____.

a. Live with a _____.

Genesis 21:17 | Genesis 22:11-12 | Genesis 28:16-17 | Acts 17:28a

b. Don't _____.

Matthew 7:1-2

c. Don't _____.

1 Corinthians 4:3-4

d. Don't _____.

Romans 12:17

Life Steps

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Monday

Matthew 5:10-12

Reflect: How is this blessing counterintuitive to how you want or need people to regard you? When you “feel” persecuted, based on your reaction, do others experience more of the Kingdom of the earth or the Kingdom of God? Explain.

Prayer: Thank you God for sending Jesus to bring heaven to earth.

Tuesday

Romans 12:21

Reflect: Using the simple definition for evil, to will the bad, what does it look like when you are overcome by evil? What impact have you seen good have on evil?

Prayer: God, I confess that my choices sometimes reflect a will for bad – to pout, to grab hold, to retaliate, to hide. Help me overcome evil by willing the good.

Wednesday

Romans 12:9-21

Reflect: Slowly read the passage again, becoming fully aware of the context within which the command “overcome evil with good” is given. What do you sense God saying to you?

Prayer: God, help me overcome the evil that dwells within my heart.

Thursday

Genesis 21:17; 22:11; 28:17 | Acts 17:28

Reflect: We can overcome evil when we live with a Kingdom Perspective. How close is God? How have you experienced the closeness of God? How do these passages give you assurance?

Prayer: Lord God you are the air I breathe. Make your presence known in every breath I take.

Friday

Matthew 7:1-2

Reflect: We can overcome evil when we choose not to judge. How is judgement different from discernment? What is the good you will do today to overcome evil?

Prayer: God who so loved the world, help me today to see others the way you see them.

Saturday

I Corinthians 4:3-4

Reflect: We can overcome evil when we choose to not be afraid. How can fear get in the way of overcoming evil with good?

Prayer: God, help me to will the good for others to that all of those whom you love may live in the assurance that you are near to us and love us. Thank you for Jesus.

Sunday

Romans 12:17 | Matthew 6:9-136

Reflect: We can overcome evil when we choose not to retaliate. From your experience of receiving and delivering, what is the most common impact of retaliation? How does the awareness of the Kingdom of God help you overcome evil?

Prayer: Say the Lord’s Prayer slowly phrase by phrase. Thoughtfully consider how one phrase leads to the next. Let what Jesus says about God’s Kingdom, forgiveness, temptation and evil take residence in your heart.