**JESUS ON SELF-INTEREST**

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**MATTHEW 5:38-42 (ESV)**

**Deuteronomy 19:17-21(ESV)**
then both parties to the dispute shall appear before the Lord, before the priests and the judges who are in office in those days. The judges shall inquire diligently, and if the witness is a false witness and has accused his brother falsely, then you shall do to him as he had meant to do to his brother. So you shall purge the evil from your midst. And the rest shall hear and fear, and shall never again commit any such evil among you. Your eye shall not pity. It shall be life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot.

**Matthew 5:38-42 (ESV)**
“You have heard that it was said, ‘An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.’ But I say to you, Do not resist the one who is evil. But if anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also. And if anyone would sue you and take your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. And if anyone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles. Give to the one who begs from you, and do not refuse the one who would borrow from you.

**Self-Centeredness can hide behind:**

**Defending My Honor - (Vs 39b)**
"But if anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also."

**Defending my rights. (Vs 40)**"And if anyone would sue you and take your tunic, let him have your cloak as well."

**Defending my Freedom. (Vs 41)**
"and if anyone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles"

**Protecting my stuff (Vs. 42)**
"Give to the one who begs from you, and do not refuse the one who would borrow from you."