

Matthew 5:21-26 – September 12, 2021

“First Be Reconciled”

6:00pm Evening Service

Faith Presbyterian Church, Tacoma, WA

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Please turn with me in your Bibles to Matthew 5:21-26.

Matthew 5:21-26 “You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.’ ²² But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, ‘You fool!’ will be liable to the hell of fire. 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.

²⁵ Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison. ²⁶ Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Let's pray together.

Introduction

Parents correcting siblings

Anyone who has had siblings or been around siblings knows that you will often find them picking on each other. The pushing, shoving, punching, or poking starts off as good fun until it is taken too far and one of the siblings is in tears. Parents quickly get involved and the kids are told “do not even so much as touch each other one more time.”