

# SUMMER Readings Reflections

## **Sunday, July 25**

*Matthew 5:21-26*

Jesus begins with “You have heard...” This is a reference to Old Testament Law. As a teacher of God’s Law, why does Jesus then emphasize the importance of relationship. What is his relationship to us under God’s Law?

## **Monday, July 26**

*Matthew 5:21-22; Ephesians 4:25-27*

Why is raw anger toward another “murderous?” When have you been jury and judge against another in anger? What would have been some healthy ways to handle your situation? What character weaknesses must you face within yourself to handle anger in a godly way?

## **Tuesday, July 27**

*Genesis 18:20-32*

Even God in his moments of anger is willing to seek redemption and restoration. For what characteristics in his people will God set aside his anger with sin?

## **Wednesday, July 28**

*Matthew 23:13-17*

Jesus appropriately called some people “fools.” What is the difference between this and what he cautions against in Matthew 5:21? How will you make the distinction in your reactions?

## **Thursday, July 29**

*Matthew 5:23-24; Romans 14:9-13*

Are there relationships that require reconciliation in your life? What principles can you draw from these scriptures? What will be your first step toward reconciliation?

## **Friday, July 30**

*Matthew 5:25-26; John 8:31-37*

What is the freedom that truth produces?

## **Saturday, July 31**

*Psalms 138*

In situations of conflict that you face, are you acting proud or lowly? Pray for transformation.