

- 5:17 **Law** νόμος (nomos) in Greek, but “Torah” (תורה) in Hebrew: teaching, instruction, doctrine.
- 5:17 **Fulfill** πληρώω (plēroō): to make full, to fulfill, complete, bring to realization, make perfect; (*never does this word mean ‘render obsolete’*)
- 5:18 **Jot** - Hebrew letter י (yod) / Tittle - thought to refer to a small serif mark such as that which distinguishes the Hebrew letter ד (dalet) from the letter ר (resh)
- 5:20 **Righteousness** δικαιοσύνη (dikaiosunē) justice, integrity, doing what is right
- 5:22 **Raca** ρακά (rhaka): an Aramaic term of bitter contempt / **You fool** μωρός (mōros): moron
- 5:26 **Penny/quardans** κοδράντης (kodrantēs): the smallest Roman coin; the equivalent of a quadrans is the same amount the widow paid in Mark 12:42.
- 5:27-32 **Adultery** - In the Bible, adultery can be spiritual (i.e., idolatry) as well as physical
- 5:32 **Sexual Immorality** πορνεία (porneia) harlotry, infidelity / ערות דבר (ervat davar) - lit. “an objectional matter/thing.” One commentator described both terms as “frustratingly vague.” They include sexual misconduct, but (perhaps) include other (non-sexual) misdeeds
- 5:48 **Perfect** τέλειος (teleios): fully complete, accomplished; in the Septuagint, teleios is sometimes used for the Hebrew word meaning pure, unblemished, balanced, impartial.

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**Walking in His Dust** - Jesus does not demand things His Talmidim are incapable of doing.

“I can do \_\_\_\_\_ things through \_\_\_\_\_ who strengthens me.” Philippians 4:13

Therefore there is \_\_\_\_\_ for those who are \_\_\_\_\_” Rom. 8:1

**Memory Verse #19:** *Matthew 5:17* “Do not presume that I came to \_\_\_\_\_ the Law or the Prophets; I did not come to \_\_\_\_\_, but to \_\_\_\_\_.”

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### **Lesson notes & questions:**

### **Lesson Reflections** (*review before Apply nights*):

- What is at least one new thing I learned about loving God or my neighbor?
- Which topics would I like to know more about or need clarification?
- How does the Holy Spirit want me to apply the lesson’s Scripture to my discipleship?



“Go make disciples...teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you” (Mt 28:19-20)

**Word Wednesday Lesson 19 – Sermon on the Mount II: Jot and Tittle *Matthew 5:17-48***

**APPLY!**

- Share your “Lesson Reflections” responses with the group.
- READ **Matthew 5:17-19** and **Luke 24:27** (see the related language notes on page 1)
  - Comment on Jesus’ overall reverence for the Torah. Is there a disconnect between His view and yours toward God’s Torah?
  - What does it mean that Jesus “fulfills the Torah”? Is the Torah canceled for the gentile believer?
- READ **Matthew 5:21-26** (*we’ll discuss verse 20 at the end of the lesson*).
  - How do you respond as a disciple of Jesus when you hear people name-calling or gossiping?
  - What things SHOULD anger us as His followers? How do we discern whether our anger is righteous?
  - When have relationships with others negatively affected your relationship with God? What did you do to improve these relationships? What was the outcome?
- READ **Matthew 5:27-30**.
  - *For women:* Is lusting only a problem for men? Why or why not?
  - How do you guard your eyes in a society where everything is hypersexualized?
  - How should Jesus’ words in 29-30 influence your attitude toward the human body?
- READ **Matthew 5:31-32** (see the related language notes)
  - How would you help a believer discern whether ending a marriage for something other than sexual misconduct might be more God-honoring than remaining in it?
  - How can our church family better support those who are divorced?
- READ **Matthew 5:33-37** - How does verse 37 help build Jesus’ ideal community of disciples?
- READ **Matthew 5:38.42** - Contrast what Jesus meant by “turn the other cheek” with how it is often used in popular culture. Was Jesus advocating to sacrifice our dignity as humans?
- READ **Matthew 5:43-47, Proverbs 24:17, and Jeremiah 29:7** - Why does Jesus command His disciples to love our enemies?
- READ **Matthew 5:48** and **Matthew 5:20** (see the related language notes)
  - Do you find these verses 48 and 20 encouraging or discouraging? Why?
  - How can we practice righteousness and perfection as disciples?

**GO!**

**What is God saying to you, and how are you responding?**

**What is something you are excited about right now?**

**What is a big challenge you are facing right now?**

**Who is on your heart right now and why?**

**Review the last lesson’s GO section. What prayers has God answered?**

**Pray for one another!**