

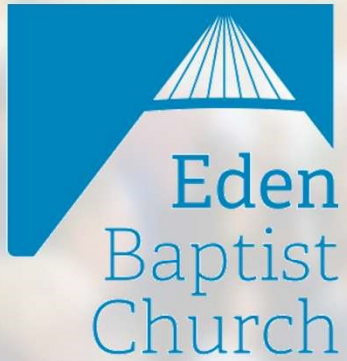
Something better than tit-for-tat

1 Peter 3:9-12

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1 Peter 3:9-12

- ⁹ Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult. On the contrary, repay evil with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing. ¹⁰ For, 'Whoever would love life and see good days must keep their tongue from evil and their lips from deceitful speech. ¹¹ They must turn from evil and do good; they must seek peace and pursue it. ¹² For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their prayer, but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.'



1. How do we respond to those who hurt us?

- Don't do it back



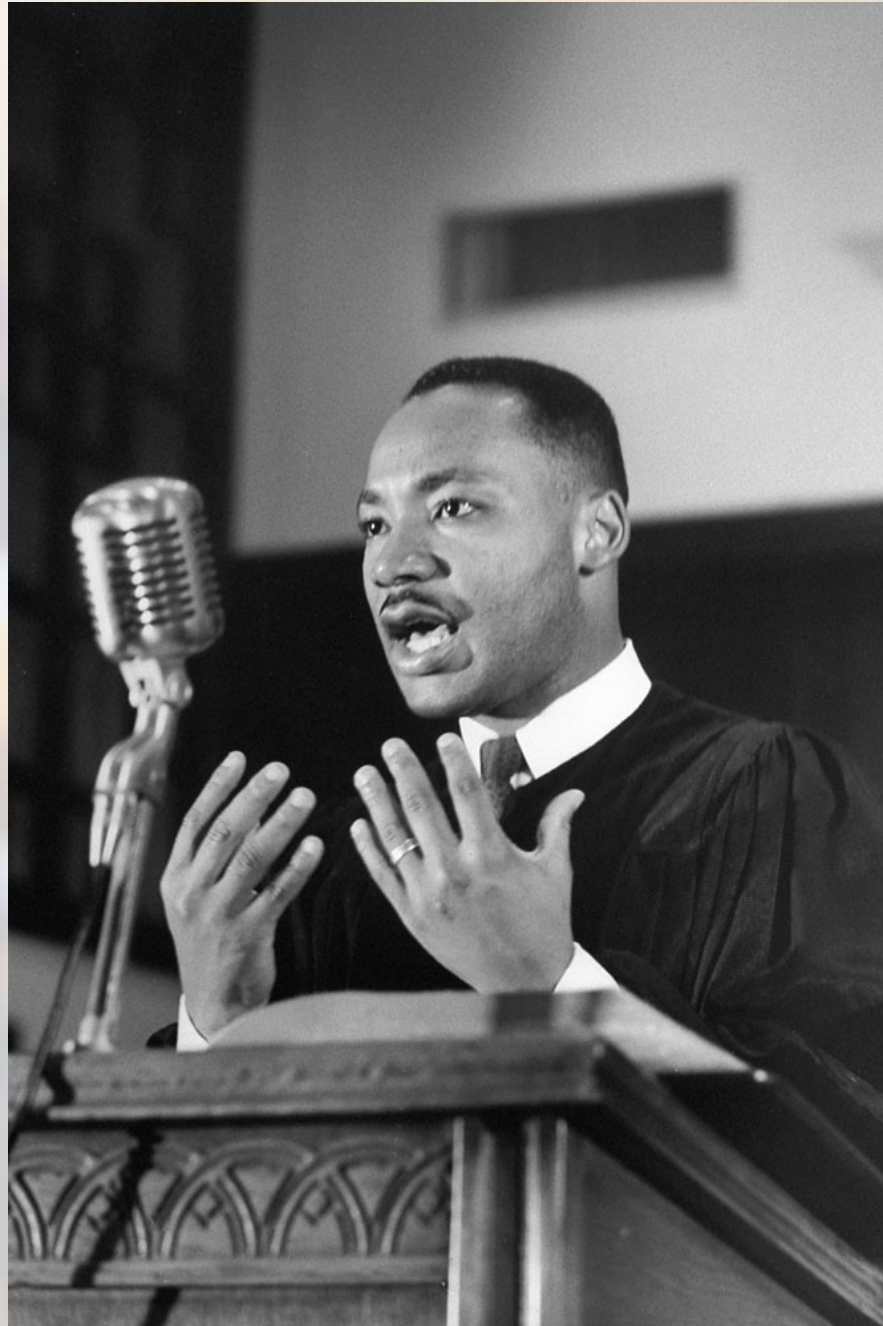


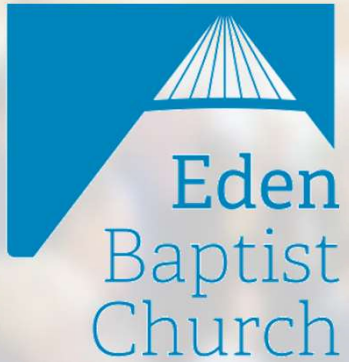




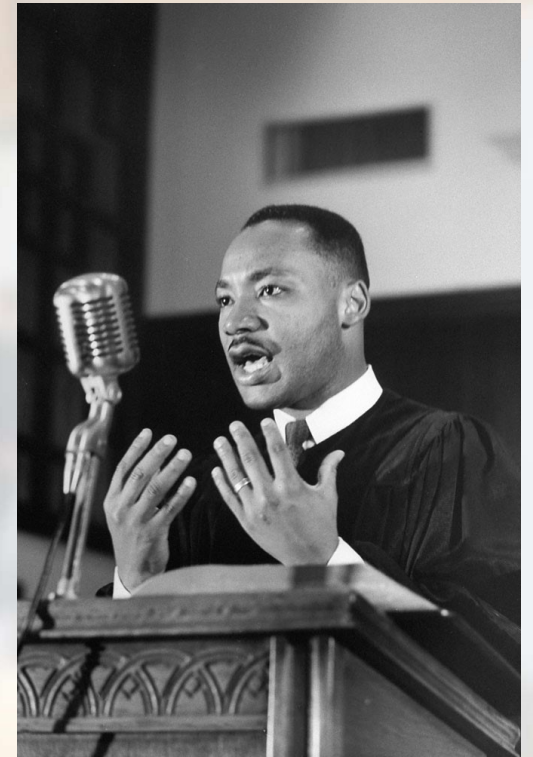








“When the opportunity presents itself for you to defeat your enemy, that is the time which you must not do it. There will come a time, in many instances, when the person who hates you most, the person who has misused you most, the person who has gossiped about you most, the person who has spread false rumours about you most, there will come a time when you will have an opportunity to defeat that person. It might be in terms of a recommendation for a job; it might be in terms of helping that person to make some move in life. That’s the time you must not do it.....”





When you think about people who have hurt you, who comes to mind?

How have you responded?

Have you retaliated - actively or passively, verbally, physically or in other ways?



1. How do we respond to those who hurt us?

- Don't do it back
- "Bless them"



2. Why?

- It's the pattern God has called us to
- It is the way to being blessed ourselves



**How do you respond to this call to love
our enemies?**



3. Questions for us

- Are you ready to do what it takes to have a better life not a worse one?
- Will you learn to control your negative words?
- Will you turn your back on tit-for-tat retaliation?
- Will you make peace your goal and really go for it?

How do these questions strike you today?



4. Promises

- God is watching
- God is listening
- God will sort it

