

**“When the Culture Spits Nails –
Can We Spit Back?”**
Matthew 5:38-41 and Selected Passages

Intro:

Question: *Is there a third way?* Jesus’ way doesn’t allow for hitting back, but it doesn’t allow for passively walking away either. How do we do this thing with love, especially if it’s a hostile culture / context?

- Not hitting back, and not going passive, but engaging and engaging in a way that is open hearted, but also speaking some truth in love.

Where would you begin to become the kind of person who even desires these kinds of things, attempts these kinds of things?

I. *It starts with a different spirit:*

II. *It requires the right soil:*

III. *It requires the right model:*

IV. *It requires the right substance:*

Application: