

“If Your Brother Sins Against You”

Matthew 5: 21-24, 38-48

1: If your brother sins against you...
2: Can't say I know that one?
1: What?
2: "Against You". Can you hum a few bars?
1: What are you talking about?
2: You said he sings "Against You".
1: I said sins.
2: Huh?
1: You know, does something naughty, like this. (hits 2 on back of head)
2: Ouch, that hurt.
1: Well pay attention. Say you're on your way to church.
2: But I'm already here!
1: And you remember that someone sinned against you.
2: Like whacking me on the head?
1: Exactly. Go back and sort it out with them.
2: Hey there! You hit me!
1: But do it privately, just between yourselves.
2: (whispers loudly) It was your fault. You hit me.
1: If he listens to you, you have won your brother back.
2: Are you paying attention? I said it was your fault.
1: You don't need to wait for judges or witnesses.
2: You want witnesses do you? Look out there, dozens of them.
1: As the scripture says...
2: What scripture?
1: Deuteronomy.
2: Gesundheit!
1: I said Deuteronomy. It's a book in the Bible.
2: (bluffing) I knew that
1: Well that's what Jesus was quoting from. The book of Deuteronomy.
2: So now you're getting all religious on me.
1: Can we continue? In the old days, it was said that whoever did wrong would be judged.
2: You will? I can't wait! I hope you get 10 years!
1: But Jesus says, "Don't wait for the judge."
2: Why, is she stuck in traffic?
1: He said "Sort it out now, between yourselves."
2: Fine by me (hits no. 1 on the arm).
1: Ouch! Hey! Jesus also said turn the other cheek.
2: If you say so. (hits no. 1 on the other arm)
1: Stop! He meant NOT to take revenge.
2: That's easy for you to say. Who started this thing?
1: Jesus was talking about forgiveness.
2: (not listening) Sorry?
1: Me too!

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