

Unity



Randolph McCoy



VS

Floyd Hatfield

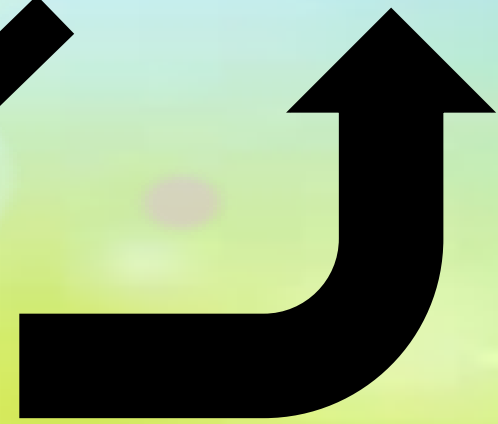


McCoys
(by Blood)

Hatfields
(by Marriage)



Bill Staton



**If we're NOT careful
sometimes the seemingly
"small" stuff, if unaddressed
and undealt with will
fester and spread**



Matthew 5:21-26



**“Accuser” =
Opponent; Adversary;
Enemy**



I Peter 5:8



**Resolve
Quickly**



Matthew 5:25-26



**An issue has arisen,
where you are being
taken to court
(serious situation)**



**Undergirding principle,
which Jesus is fleshing
out is Romans 12:14-21**



**“Those who persecute” =
they pursue you in a hostile
matter; they harass you;
they trouble you;
they mistreat you (it
sounds very unpleasant)**



**We're to speak well of
those who persecute us**

**We're to pray for God to
make them prosper**



**“Forgiveness” = releasing
the debt and giving it to
God, saying do with it
whatever You want to do,
regardless of the other
person’s acceptance**



**God alone is the
Perfect Judge
(He knows all
and sees all)**



**It's honestly a tremendous
act of humility to
acknowledge we've
been wronged and to
release that debt
into God's hands**



**We're to seek
reconciliation and we're
to do everything we can
to keep things from
escalating**



Romans 5:6-11



**All of us, who have placed
our faith in Jesus are the
helpless, the ungodly, the
sinners, we're the ones
facing the wrath of
God; we're His enemies**



**God proven; God revealed;
God demonstrated His love
toward us, by dying in our
place and taking our
punishment**



**Since believers have
experienced the peace of
God, we're to be
peacemakers (forgiven, now
forgive...reconciled,
now reconcile)**



**This requires humility; it
requires us getting out of
our comfort zones...**

BUT IT'S WORTH IT!!!



CHALLENGE

