

Sermon Title: **“RESOLVE QUICKLY”**

Matthew 5:25-26

- If we're NOT careful sometimes the seemingly “small” stuff, if unaddressed & undealt with will fester & spread
- “Accuser” = Opponent; Adversary; Enemy
- 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 manner; 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 & 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 & sees all)
- It's honestly a tremendous act of humility to acknowledge we've been wronged & to release that debt into God's hands
- We're to seek reconciliation & we're to do everything we can to keep things from escalating
- 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 proved; God revealed; God demonstrated His love toward us, by dying in our place & 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!!!