

A dramatic mountain landscape with a person on a peak. The image features jagged, dark mountain peaks under a cloudy sky. A person in a yellow jacket stands on a small, vegetated rock outcrop in the foreground, looking out over a vast, rocky valley. The scene is split diagonally by a dark grey triangle, with the left side being darker and the right side showing more detail of the mountain and sky.

THE NECESSITY OF APOLOGY

Matthew 5 : 23 - 24

SURVEY SAYS . . .

- How many sermons have you heard on your need to forgive someone?
 - How many sermons have you heard on your need to apologize to someone?
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SURVEY SAYS . . .

- Who needs to apologize to you?
 - Who do you need to apologize to?
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Matthew 5:23-24 (Multiverse)

So, if you are presenting your offering, your gift, a sacrifice (IOW worshiping) at the altar in the Temple, and *while* there, you suddenly remember that your brother or sister or just someone has something against you [such as a grievance or legitimate complaint, whether intentional or not], leave your offering or your sacrifice there at or before or in front of the altar and go. First go and make peace, be reconciled to with your brother, your sister, that person, and then come and present your offering, your gift, your sacrifice to God.

Matthew 5:21-22 (NLT)

“You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, ‘You shall not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.’ But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to a brother or sister, ‘Raca,’ is answerable to the court. And anyone who says, ‘You fool!’ will be in danger of the fire of hell.

**JESUS WOULD TELL YOU
TO “REMEMBER” OR
RECOGNIZE THAT YOU
HAVE DONE SOMETHING
WRONG.**

**JESUS WOULD TELL YOU
TO “LEAVE” YOUR
OFFERING AND
(ATTEMPT TO) MAKE
THINGS RIGHT.**

TO THE OFFENDED:

- Listen to Pastor Mark Ro's sermon from the retreat (again)
 - Don't expect an apology but pray for reconciliation. It may not be immediate, but we should pursue peace wherever possible. (Romans 12:18)
 - In the meantime, drop the charges for your own health (Jesus, "Father, forgive them")
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TO THE OFFENDER (all of us):

- Pray search me, O God
 - Get this done yesterday
 - Apologize and do whatever is necessary to make it right. Don't justify or excuse; reasons are still good.
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