

GOING THE SECOND MILE

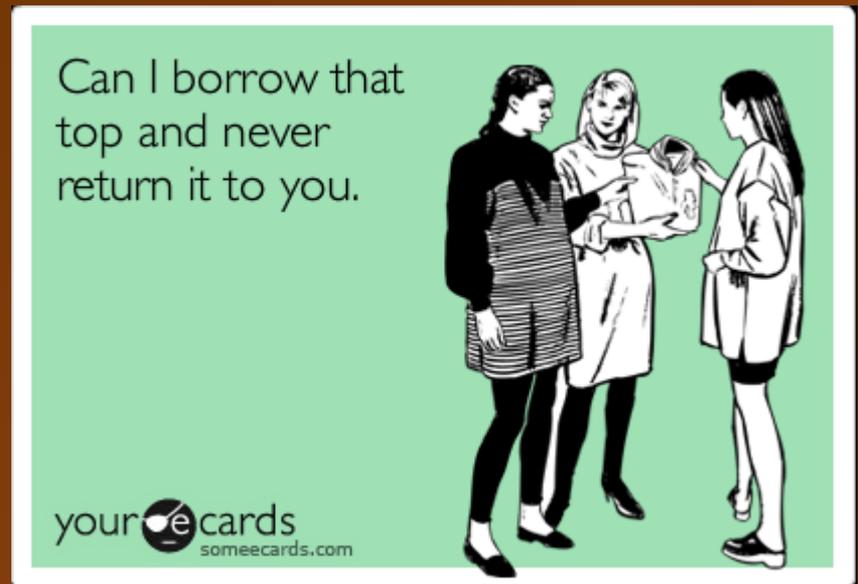
- Matthew 5:38-42- *"You have heard that it was said, 'AN EYE FOR AN EYE, AND A TOOTH FOR A TOOTH.' 39 "But I say to you, do not resist an evil person; but whoever slaps you on your right cheek, turn the other to him also. 40 "If anyone wants to sue you and take your shirt, let him have your coat also. 41 "Whoever forces you to go one mile, go with him two. 42 "Give to him who asks of you, and do not turn away from him who wants to borrow from you.*

These verses
contain
some of the
more
difficult
sayings of
Jesus.

**Not retaliating when we are
badly treated**



- Awarding someone who sues us with more than is demanded
- Not turning away from one who wishes to borrow from us



Verse 41 deals with second
mile Christianity –
*"And whoever shall
force you to go one
mile, go with him
two."*

- **When Jesus delivered the Sermon on the Mount the Jewish nation was under the cruel yoke of Roman oppression**





JOURNEYS WITH THE MESSIAH



Forgiving others sets us free from emotional bondage, allowing us to move forward with his glorious plan.

THE SECOND MILE BY J. MICHAEL BEEK



- That word Jesus used translated "force" originated in Persia hundreds of years before His time on the earth.

It came from the noun form of the word **ANGAROS**

In ancient Persia the **ANGAROS** was a man appointed by the king as a sort of roving reporter. If he had a message for the king he could grab the first person he saw and force him to run the message to the palace.



- **By the time of Christ the word had come to mean, "to compel one to go on a journey, to bear a burden or to perform any other service."**
- ***The Compulsory – the first mile***
- ***The Voluntary – the second mile***

I) The Duty to Work and make a living

- Genesis 3:17-19- *17 Then to Adam He said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree about which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat from it'; Cursed is the ground because of you; In toil you will eat of it All the days of your life. 18 "Both thorns and thistles it shall grow for you; And you will eat the plants of the field; 19 By the sweat of your face You will eat bread, Till you return to the ground, Because from it you were taken; For you are dust, And to dust you shall return."*

Genesis 2:15, "*Then the LORD God took the man and put him into the garden of Eden to cultivate it and keep it.*"

A dirt road winds through a rural landscape under a clear blue sky. The road is flanked by green grass and leads towards a horizon of rolling hills. The text "VOLUNTEER FOR THE SECOND MILE." is overlaid in a large, white, serif font with a yellow outline. A thin white vertical line is positioned to the left of the text.

**VOLUNTEER
FOR THE
SECOND
MILE.**



Bed-Roll or Cloak

Cloak Bag

Cooking Pot

Saucepan

Net Bag for Food

Satchel

Marching Pole ['furca']



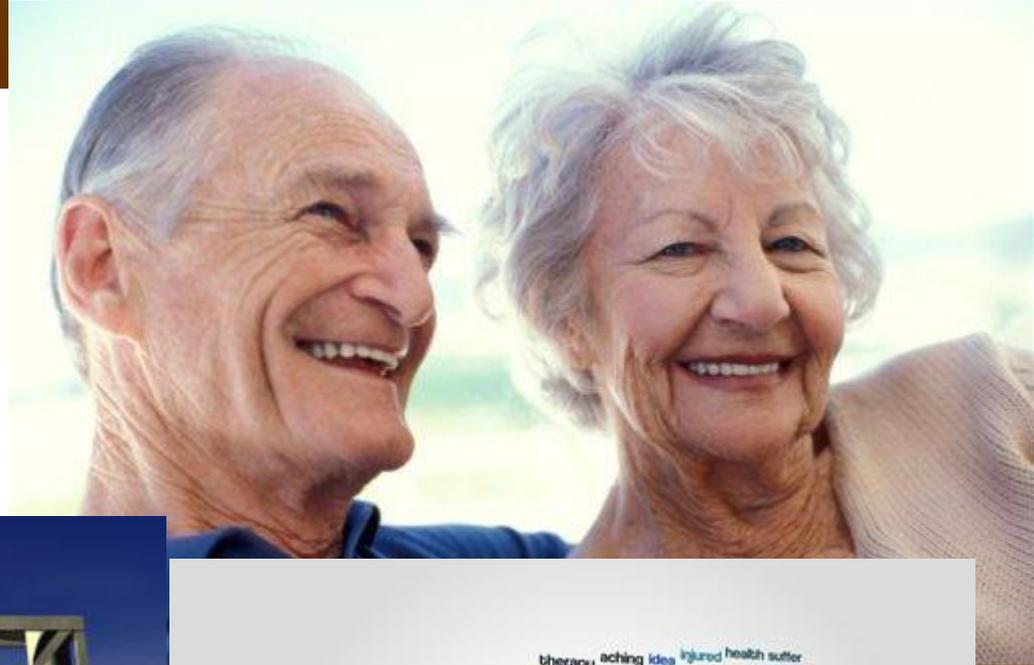


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- Colossians 3:23-24:

"Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men; knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance. It is the Lord Christ whom you serve."

2. The First-Mile Force of Limiting Circumstances



THE APOSTLE PAUL WAS A SECOND MILER.

- When he was free, he set the world on fire with his teaching.
- When confined to jail, he wrote letters and set the world on fire with his teaching.
- In the latter part of his life, when confined to house arrest and chained to a Roman guard around the clock, the Roman guard became his audience, as did later those in Caesar's own household. Philippians 4:22 - "*All the saints greet you, especially those of Caesar's household.*"
- Confined so that I can no longer get to the world audience I had before? No problem! I'll get to those I can reach!

Titus was another second miler

- 2 Corinthians 8:16-17 *"But thanks be to God who put the same earnestness on your behalf in the heart of Titus. For he not only accepted our appeal, but being himself very earnest, he is going to you of his own accord."*

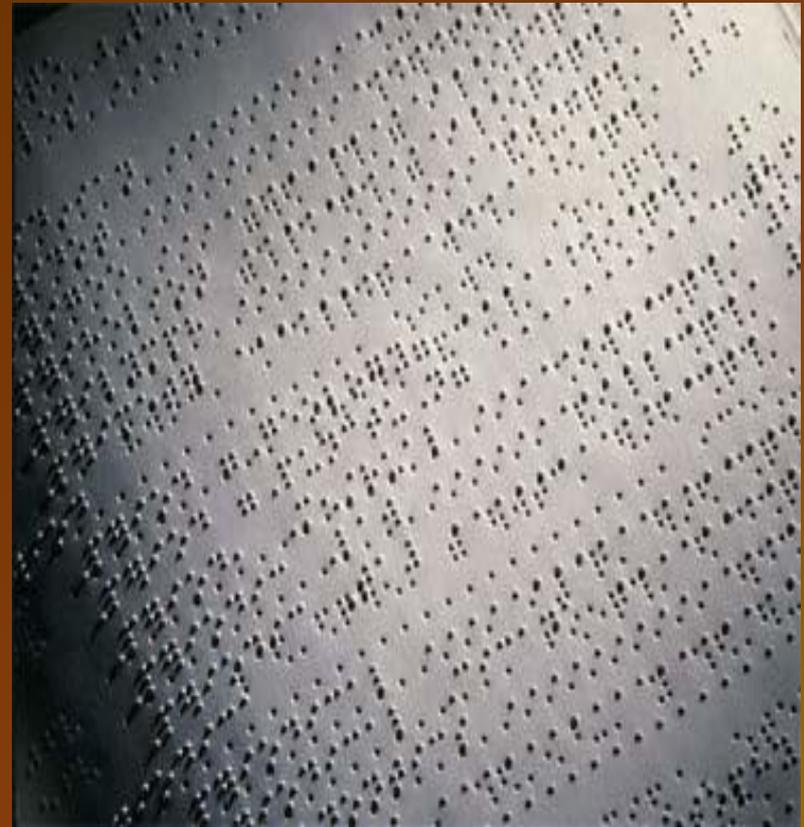
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- lost her eyesight when she was 6 weeks old because of her doctor's carelessness.
- **Redeemed! Praise Him! Praise Him! Savior, More Than Life, Close to Thee, Near the Cross, He Hideth My Soul, All the Way My Savior Leads Me**

3. The First-Mile Compulsion of the Christian Life.

- Matthew 5:20 - *For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven. NIV*

- **“Christians should be more willing to serve than God is to demand.”**
- **That is second mile living.**

- Philippians 2:1-11 - *So then, as Christians, do you have any encouragement? Do you have any comfort from love? Do you have any spiritual relationships? Do you have any sympathy and compassion? 2 Then fill me with joy by having the same attitude and the same love, living in harmony, and keeping one purpose in mind. 3 Don't act out of selfish ambition or be conceited. Instead, humbly think of others as being better than yourselves. 4 Don't be concerned only about your own interests, but also be concerned about the interests of others. 5 Have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. 6 Although he was in the form of God and equal with God, he did not take advantage of this equality.*

- *7 Instead, he emptied himself by taking on the form of a servant, by becoming like other humans, by having a human appearance.8 He humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, death on a cross.9 This is why God has given him an exceptional honor—the name honored above all other names—10 so that at the name of Jesus everyone in heaven, on earth, and in the world below will kneel11 and confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father. (from GOD'S WORD Copyright © 1995 by God's Word to the Nations Bible Society. All rights reserved.)*

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