

Connect to One Another

1. WHAT IS THE MOST MEMORABLE SPORTING EVENT YOU'VE EVER BEEN TO?
2. WHO WAS YOUR FAVORITE ATHLETE GROWING UP AND WHY?
3. WHAT ABOUT JACKIE'S STORY WAS THE MOST SURPRISING OR INSPIRING?

Connect to God

In the message we learned that before the time of Moses it wasn't uncommon for retaliation to set off a wave of escalating violence. The Law of Moses set forth to limit retaliation by instituting "Eye for eye, tooth for tooth" where the punishment literally equaled the crime.

1. HOW IS THIS LAW USEFUL AND HOW IS IT INCOMPLETE?
2. WHY IS IT THAT REVENGE ALWAYS ESCALATES?
3. WHO IS SOMEONE YOU'VE KNOWN WHO CHOSE THE PATH OF FORGIVENESS RATHER THAN REVENGE?

Apply the Teaching

In contrast to "Eye for eye, tooth for tooth" Jesus encouraged his follower to take a different course of action. Rather than rebel against mistreatment, Jesus called on his follower to "go the extra mile". This demonstration of self-sacrifice would ultimately, Jesus believed, be more effective in softening the hearts of their oppressors than a rebellious approach. Jesus' crucifixion is the ultimate "go the extra mile", since it is what our salvation is built on.

1. HOW DOES RESPONDING TO WRONGDOING WITH LOVE EXCEED THE POWER OF RETALIATION?
2. WHO IN YOUR LIFE NEEDS YOU TO GO THE EXTRA MILE?
3. WHAT DOES LOVE REQUIRE OF ME WHEN I FACE INJUSTICE IN THE WORLD?