


# SERMON ON THE MOUNT



*Great Teachings from the  
Greatest Teacher*

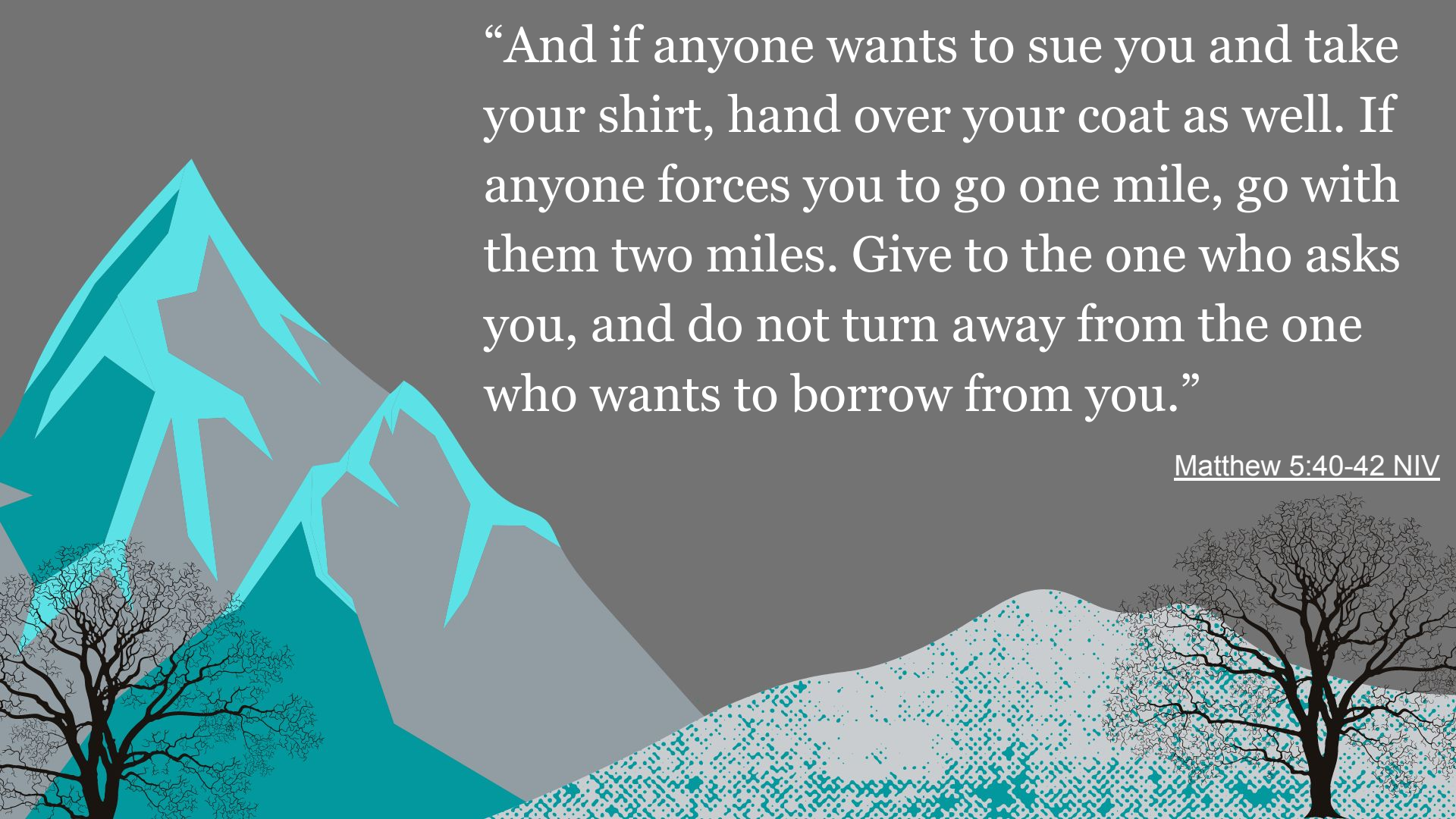
**A LOOK AT MATTHEW 5-7**

“You have heard that it was said, ‘Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.’ But I tell you, do not resist an evil person. If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also.”

Matthew 5:38-39 NIV







“And if anyone wants to sue you and take your shirt, hand over your coat as well. If anyone forces you to go one mile, go with them two miles. Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you.”

Matthew 5:40-42 NIV

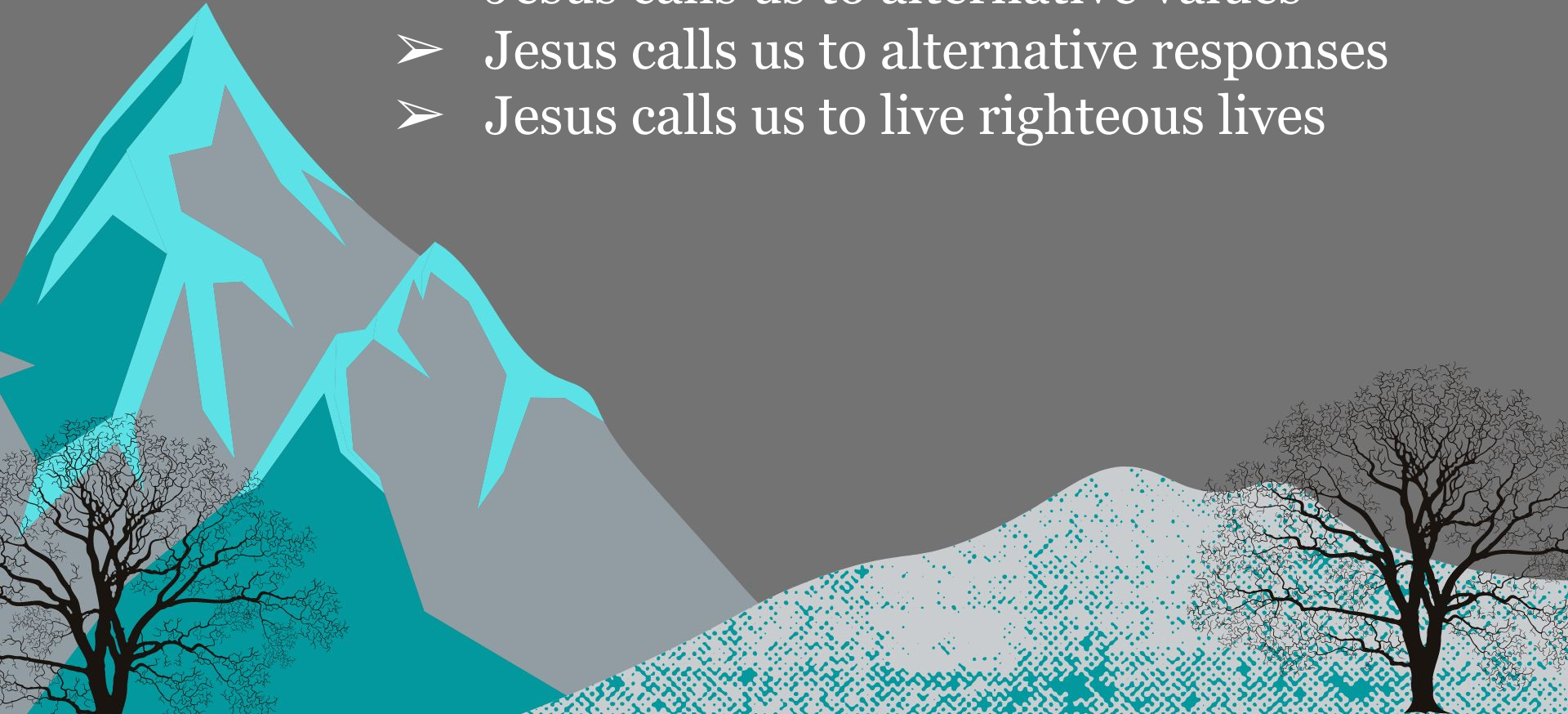
# Eye For An Eye

- Based on Deuteronomy 19:21
- Comes from the Latin *Lex Talionis*
- Mandated and required
- The aim was to avoid further vengeance and bloodshed



# What Does Jesus Think?

- Jesus calls us to alternative values
- Jesus calls us to alternative responses
- Jesus calls us to live righteous lives





# Main Point

- Jesus calls us to alternative responses

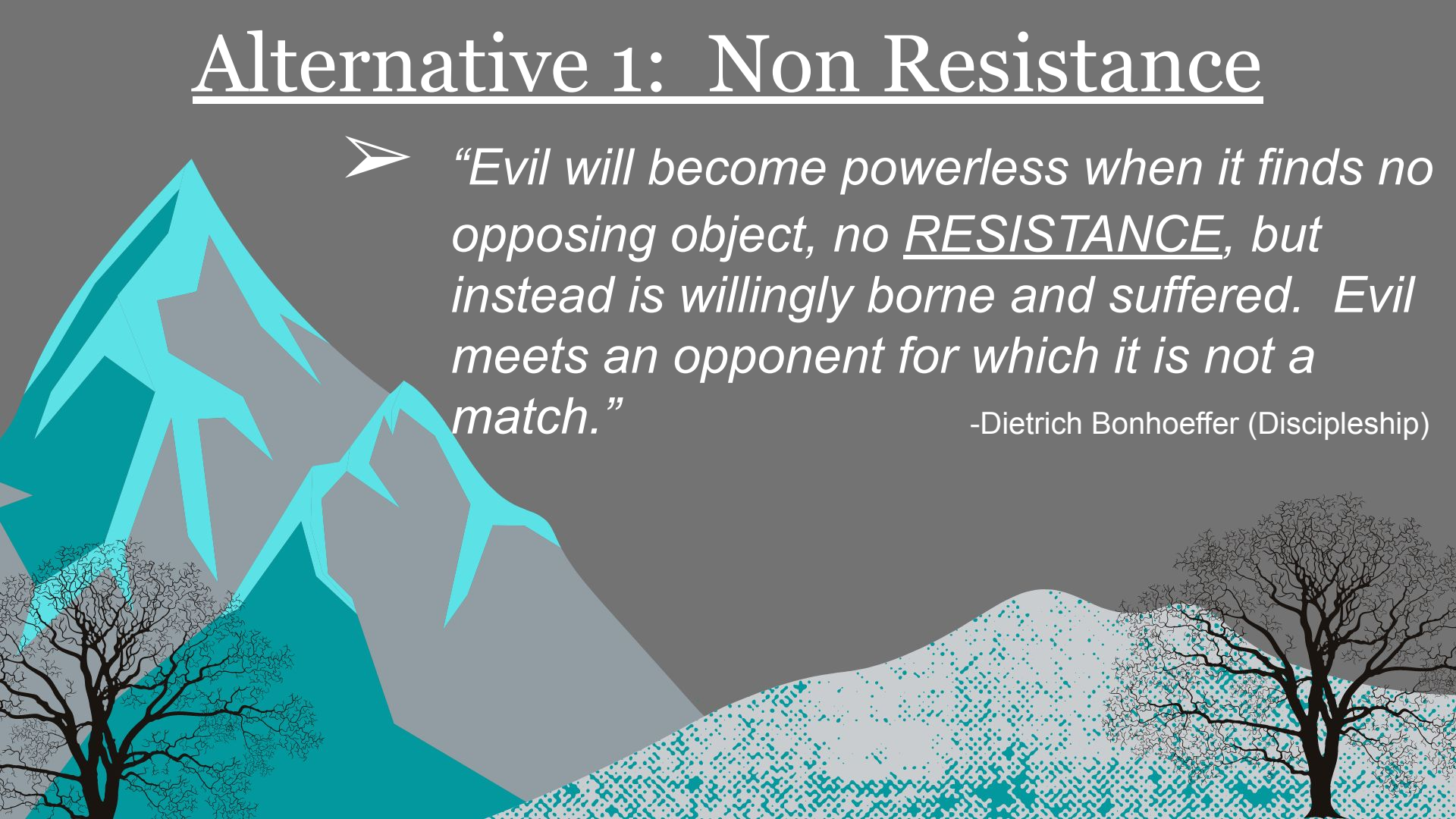


# Alternative 1: Non Resistance

- Non-resistance NOT fighting back
- “Turn the other cheek”
- Evil and bad goes away when there is no resistance



# Alternative 1: Non Resistance

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- A stylized landscape illustration. On the left, there are jagged, teal-colored mountains. In the foreground, there are two black silhouettes of trees. The ground is a mix of teal and white, with a pattern of small teal dots and lines. The background is a solid grey color.
- *“Evil will become powerless when it finds no opposing object, no RESISTANCE, but instead is willingly borne and suffered. Evil meets an opponent for which it is not a match.”*

-Dietrich Bonhoeffer (Discipleship)



# Alternative 1: Non Resistance

- Non-resistance is not a non-response
- It is an alternative response
  - Grace
  - Forgiveness
  - Heart for the other person



# Alternative 2: Generosity

- Generosity NOT stinginess
- Go above and beyond what you are required to give





# Alternative 2: Generosity

- This sounds radical and crazy
- May not have an abundance but Jesus still calls us to generosity



# Alternative 3: Concern For Others

- Concern NOT ignorance
- No distinction about who is in need or what is needed
- Focus on the other not ourselves





# Alternative 3: Concern For Others

- This can be hard
- God looks at the concern of our hearts
- Respond with help in whatever way you can



# Closing

- Respond with these alternatives
- Respond how Jesus would respond
- Live out these alternatives
- Live how Jesus would want you to live

