



## Fractured

April 13 & 14, 2013

[Matthew 5:21-24](#)

<sup>21</sup> "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.' <sup>22</sup> 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.

<sup>23</sup> "Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, <sup>24</sup> leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift. (Matthew 5:21-24 NIV)

### Consider & Discuss

1. Why do you think we have an easier time seeing other people's faults rather than our own?
2. How do you think Adam and Eve's sin fractured God's creation? What consequences of their sin come to your mind?
3. In what ways do you think we typically hide from others and blame them for our relationship difficulties?
4. Read [Matthew 5:21-24](#). How would you explain the relationship between anger and murder?
5. Do you think anger can ever be good? If not, why not? If so, give some examples.
6. How would you describe the connection between our relationships with one another and our relationship with God?
7. What suggestions do you have for helping people to heal broken relationships?

### Live It

1. Can you think of any broken or damaged relationships you have? If so, follow Chris's three-step approach to begin the healing process: 1) Pray; 2) Seek to Understand; 3) Reconcile.
2. What specific step can you take this week to strengthen your relationship with someone close to you? Do it!
3. Ask a trusted family member or friend to help you see some of your blind spots. Then ask them to pray with you and help you to grow in those areas of your life.