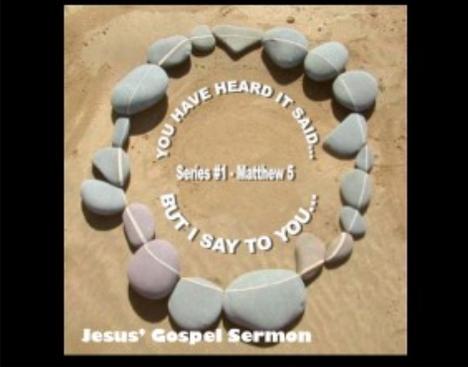


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*Deeds* - being a disciple-making community that lives out Christ's actual commands in joyful obedience.

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