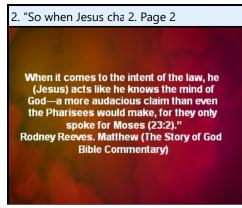
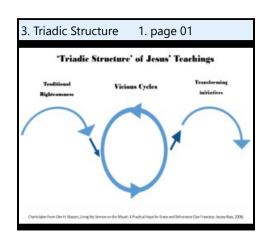
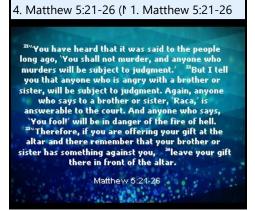


"So when Jesus challenged the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees—that his disciples must be more obedient to God—he was essentially questioning their interpretation of the law. In fact,

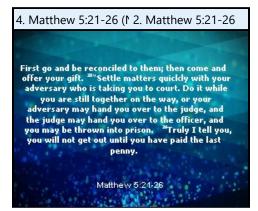


When it comes to the intent of the law, he (Jesus) acts like he knows the mind of God—a more audacious claim than even the Pharisees would make, for they only spoke for Moses (23:2)."

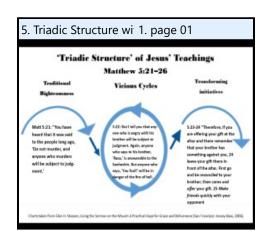




21"You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'You shall not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.' 22But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister, will be

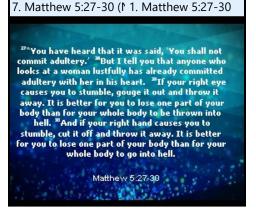


First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift. 25"Settle matters quickly with your adversary who is taking you to court. Do it while you are still together on the way, or your adversary may

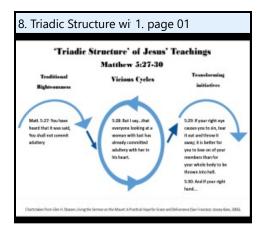


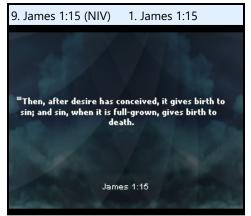


26"In your anger do not sin": Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry,

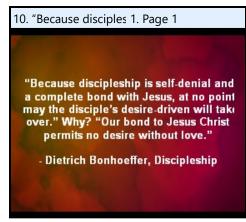


27"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' 28But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart. 29If your right eye causes you to

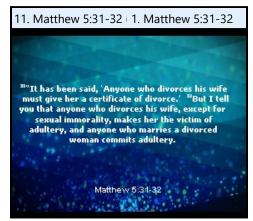




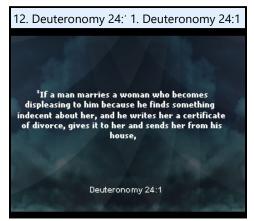
15Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.



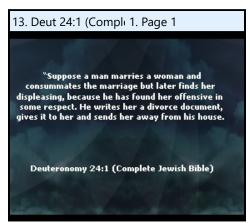
"Because discipleship is self-denial and a complete bond with Jesus, at no point may the disciple's desire-driven will take over." Why? "Our bond to Jesus Christ permits no desire without love."



31"It has been said, 'Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a certificate of divorce.' 32But I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, makes her the victim of



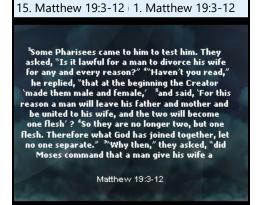
1If a man marries a woman who becomes displeasing to him because he finds something indecent about her, and he writes her a certificate of divorce, gives it to her and sends her from his house,



"Suppose a man marries a woman and consummates the marriage but later finds her displeasing, because he has found her offensive in some respect. He writes her a divorce document, gives it to her and sends

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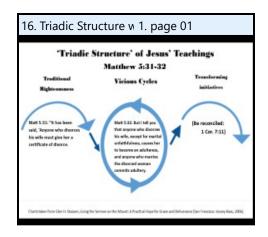
3Some Pharisees came to him to test him. They asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any and every reason?" 4"Haven't you read," he replied, "that at the beginning the Creator 'made them male

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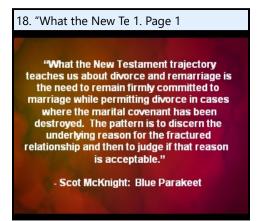


who were born that way, and there are eunuchs who have been made eunuchs by others—and there are those who choose to live like eunuchs for the sake of the kingdom of heaven. The one who can

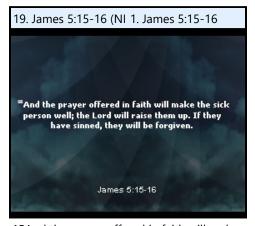


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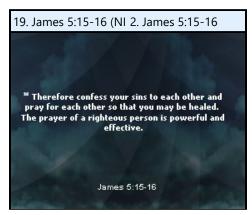
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15And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven.



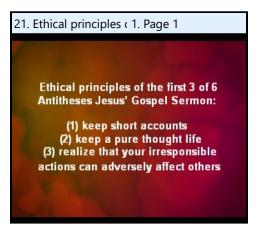
16 Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

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