



Draw Near
Pray Counterintuitively

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A low-angle, close-up shot of a person's legs from the knees down, standing on a wet, reflective pavement at night. The person is wearing dark blue jeans and black sneakers with white soles. The background is blurred, showing city lights and other people, creating a bokeh effect. The overall mood is contemplative and urban.

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How do followers of Jesus respond to people who hurt us or hurt the people we love?

Luke 23:32-33

32 Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with him to be executed. 33 When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left.







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Luke 23:34

Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."

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We pray for the people who hurt us...

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Luke 6:27-31

27 "But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, 28 bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. 29 If someone slaps you on one cheek, turn to them the other also. If someone takes your coat, do not withhold your shirt from them. 30 Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back. 31 Do to others as you would have them do to you.



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Matthew 5:43-44

***43 "You have heard that it was said,
'Love your neighbor and hate your
enemy.' 44 But I tell you, love your
enemies and pray for those who
persecute you***



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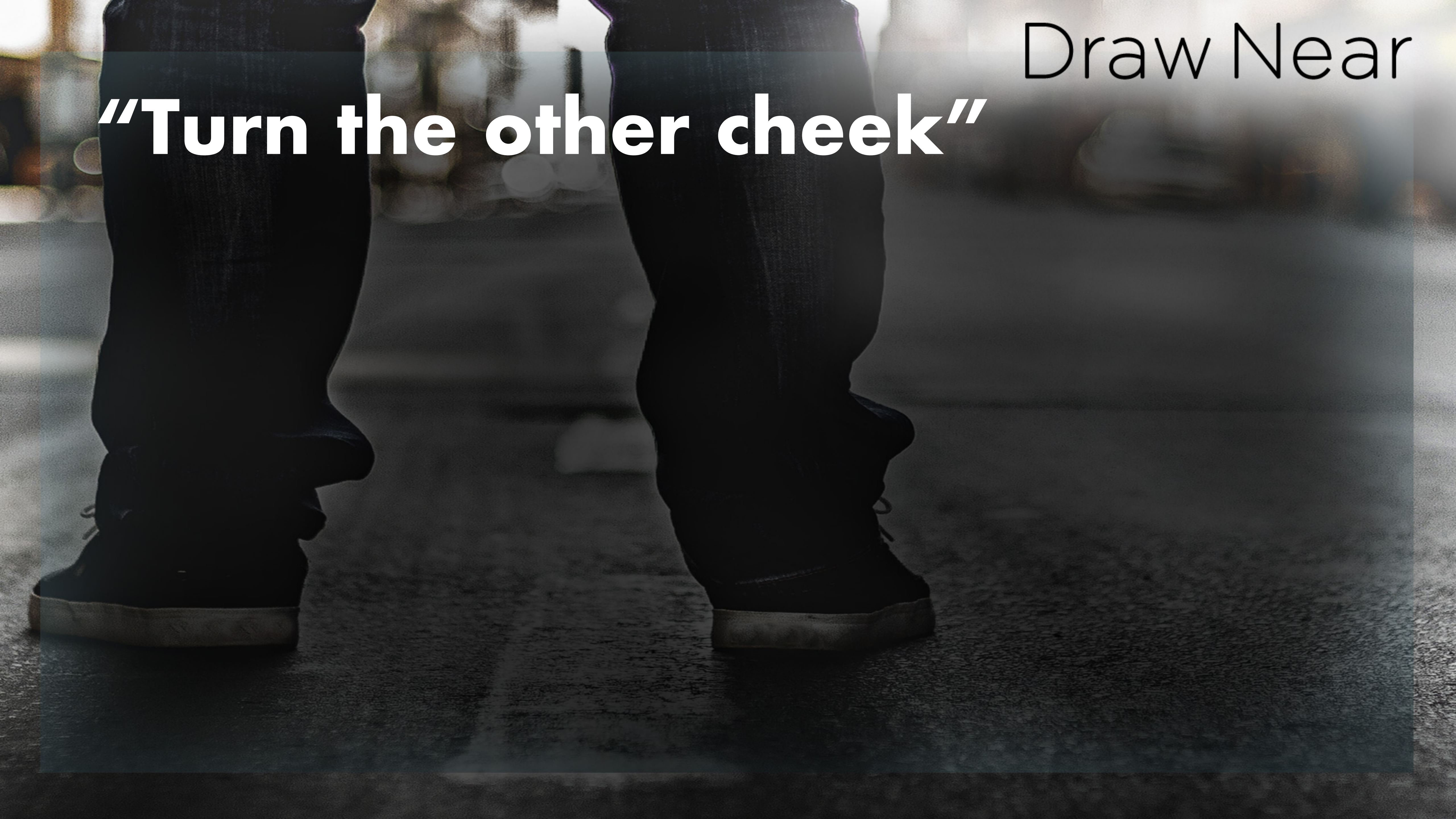
**PRAYER LEADS TO
A RIGHT ATTITUDE
THAT LEADS TO
A RIGHT ACTION**



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**We pray for the people who
hurt us because...**

**Prayer leads to a right attitude
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“Turn the other cheek”



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“Give them the shirt off your back”



Draw Near

“Turn the other cheek”

“Give them the shirt off your back”

“Go the extra mile”

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MLK Video





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**We pray for the people who
hurt us because...**

**Prayer is how God empowers
us to follow a third way of non-
violent resistance to change
them.**

A low-angle, close-up shot of a person's legs from the knees down, standing on a wet, reflective asphalt surface at night. The person is wearing dark blue denim jeans and black sneakers with white soles. The background is heavily blurred, showing out-of-focus city lights and street lamps, creating a bokeh effect. The overall mood is urban and atmospheric.

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How do followers of Jesus respond to people who hurt us or hurt the people we love?

We pray for the people who hurt us because...

Prayer leads to a right attitude that leads to right actions that always changes us and equips us to forgive as we have been forgiven

Prayer is how God empowers us to follow a third way of non-violent resistance to change them.



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