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## **BOTTOM LINE:**

IN CERTAIN INSTANCES,
HARMONY MATTERS MORE
THAN FIGHTING FOR OUR
POSITION - EVEN WHEN OUR
POSITION IS RIGHT.

## **KEY VERSES:**

**MATTHEW 17:22-27**;

21:12-17; 27:3-5

**EXODUS 30:11-16** 

2 CHRONICLES 31:3; 34:8;

EZRA 7:24

**NEHEMIAH 10:32** 

JOHN 2:1-17

**ROMANS 14** 

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. What was your major takeaway from the message this morning?
- 2. How do you define humility? How do humility and authority best work together?
- 3. What contentious issue have you had to deal with lately? What process do you use to determine whether to prioritize harmony over protest?
- 4. Jesus pays rather than protests because He did not want to give the religious leaders an opportunity to label him a sinner. In what ways could speaking the truth today result in you being labeled a sinner? How do we determine when that is worth it?
- 5. How does Romans 14:13 apply to your life right now?
  6. How do you think those in public office called to deal with issues can practice humility while "telling the truth"?
  7. Jesus decides to pay now to protest later because He knows His end game: the cross. What is our end game when it comes to discussing contentious issues? When is it right to battle for the truth?
- 8. Whereas the Essenes reinterpreted the text to suit them, Jesus sacrificed himself to save others. On contentious issues today, how can Christians model the example of Jesus without compromising truth?

