



Week 5: ***BUT WHAT ABOUT...?***

In the midst of violence, war, and the use of military force, Christians are called to offer peaceful and nonviolent alternatives.

~ Brethren In Christ *1992 General Conference*

Nothing is more clear in the moral message of Jesus than his exhortations to and example of forgiveness, mercy, and meekness in the face of abuse or assault.

~ Lisa Sowle Cahill, *Love Your Enemies: Discipleship, Pacifism, and Just War Theory*

Even for the most noble causes (like Peter protecting Jesus on the night of His arrest), our Lord vetoes violence. Jesus is not seeking victories that injure and destroy people, but victories in which love overcomes evil.

~ Brethren In Christ, *Accents & Issues: Violence*

It is not enough to defeat our oppressors – we want to convert them! We cannot win by hating our oppressors. We have to love them into changing.

~ Rev. James Bevel (*1960's Civil Rights Activist*)

Mixing the church and state is like mixing ice cream with cow manure. It may not do much to the manure, but it sure messes up the ice cream.

~ Tony Campolo, quoted in *Jesus for President*

Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword.

~ Jesus