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**In exercising this right, who am I \_\_\_\_\_ and who am I \_\_\_\_\_**

**- Augustine**

*"Whoever... thinks that he understands the Holy Scriptures, or any part of them, but puts such an interpretation on them that does not tend to build up the twofold love of God and our neighbor, does not yet understand them as he ought."*

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### ***Matthew 5:40-41***

*"...and if anyone wants to sue you and take your shirt, give your cloak as well and if anyone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile."*

**The question is, how do you respond to systemic evil when you have no hope of changing the system in the near future?**

**- MLK**

*"Returning hate for hate multiplies hate, adding deeper darkness to a night already devoid of stars. Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that."*

**Who has something against you?**

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**Romans 12:14-17, 20, 21**

*Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited. Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. Do not take revenge, my dear friends..." On the contrary: "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals of shame on his head." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.*