

LET
IT GO



Luke 22:36-38

“But now if you have a purse, take it, and also a bag; and if you don’t have a sword, sell your cloak and buy one. It is written: ‘And he was numbered with the transgressors’; and I tell you that this must be fulfilled in me. Yes, what is written about me is reaching its fulfillment.” The disciples said, “See, Lord, here are two swords.” “That is enough,” he replied.

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V) Jesus tells his disciples the swords were to fulfill the passage that says *“he was numbered with the transgressors”* (Lk. 22:37, cf. Isa. 53:12).

"[Non-violent resistance] avoids not only external physical violence but also violence of spirit. The nonviolent resister not only refuses to shoot his opponent but he also refuses to hate him. In the struggle for human dignity, the oppressed people of the world must not succumb to the temptation of becoming bitter or indulging in hate campaigns.



Along the way of life, someone must have sense enough and morality enough to cut off the chain of hate. This can be done by projecting the ethic of love to the center of our lives. “

**Martin Luther King Jr.
Stride Toward
Freedom**



Ephesians 4:25-27, 30-32

Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbor, for we are all members of one body. “In your anger do not sin”: Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, and do not give the devil a foothold....And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

- Speak truth (aletheia = uncovered).
- Be angry (orgē = heat) but don't sin
- Don't sleep on your anger (paraorgē = heat down under/bitterness).
- This is how we *“give the devil a foothold”*
- This *“grieves the Holy Spirit.”*