

Today's Theme

"The Dilemma of Forgiveness"

Series Title

"Making Much of Jesus"

Part 17 July 31, 2022

1. We need Jesus and His _____.

Eph 1:7 In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace.

2. We need to be _____ forgivers.

Col 3:13 Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

3. We need to ____ the ____ of my forgiveness.

- (1) Because we've been _____ ourselves.
- (2) Because Jesus has _____ us to forgive.
- (3) It can be very _____ to actually forgive.
- (4) _____ to forgive others can _____ up life.
- (5) A principle of life: We _____ what we _____.

4. What being an _____ forgiver brings.

(1) It produces _____ & _____ that can last.
Psalm 140:3 They make their tongues as sharp as a serpent's; the poison of vipers is on their lips.

(2) We can end up _____ and grow _____.
Heb 12:15 See to it that no one falls short of the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many.

(3) Non-forgivers live _____ in _____ mirror.
Acts 17:29-31

(4) We can secretly be playing _____ with _____.
Rom 12:19 Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord.

5. What being a _____ forgiver brings.

(1) _____ from love & _____ love.
John 13:35 By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

(2) Shows _____ to others.
2 Cor 2:6 The punishment inflicted on him by the majority is sufficient. 7 Now instead, you ought to forgive and comfort him, so that he will not be overwhelmed by excessive sorrow. 8 I urge you, therefore, to reaffirm your love for him.

(3) Helps us to move _____ from _____.
Gen 45:5 And now, do not be distressed and do not be angry with yourselves for selling me here, because it was to save lives that God sent me ahead of you.

(4) Takes a _____ against _____.
Eph 4:31 Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. 32 Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. 2 Cor 2:11 in order that Satan might not outwit us. For we are not unaware of his schemes.

(5) Ignites & continues _____ & _____.
Rom 8:1-2 Acts 13:38 "Therefore, my friends, I want you to know that through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. 39 Through him everyone who believes is set free from every sin, a justification you were not able to obtain under the law of Moses.