

Today's Theme

“Dilemma of Forgiveness - 2”

Series Title

“Making Much of Jesus”

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1. We need Jesus and His *forgiveness*.

2. We need to be *real deal* forgivers.

3. We need to *get the why* of my forgiveness.

- (1) Because we've been *forgiven* ourselves.
- (2) Because Jesus has *taught* us to forgive.
- (3) It can be very *hard* to actually forgive.
- (4) *Refusing* to forgive others can *mess up* our life.
- (5) A principle of life: We *reproduce* what we are.

4. What being an *ineffective* forgiver brings.

- (1) It produces *pain & hurt* that can last.
- (2) We can end up *bitter* and grow *toxic*.
- (3) Non-forgivers live *looking* in *rear view* mirror.
- (4) We can secretly be playing *God* with *retaliation*.

5. What being a *good* forgiver brings.

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

(2) Shows *mercy* 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 *away* from *pride*.

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 *stand* against *evil*.

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) Encourages & continues *joy & peace*.

Romans 8:1 Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, 2 because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you[a] free from the law of sin and death. 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.

