

“FORGIVE ONE ANOTHER – Part 2”

Authentic Relationships #6

May 16, 2021

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Foundational to Forgiveness is...

1. _____ – *Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. 1 Corinthians 13:4*
2. _____ – *... It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking... 1 Corinthians 13:5a*
3. _____ – *Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! ⁵ Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:4-7*

Dealing with Bitterness:

1. **Come to grips with the reality of your _____ that the Lord has canceled.** *“Then the master called the servant in. ‘You wicked servant,’ he said, ‘I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. Shouldn’t you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?’ Matthew 18:32-33*
2. **Never justify _____.** *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. Ephesians 4:31-32*

Destroy the _____. *Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord. 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. Hebrews 12:14-15*

3. **Trust that ultimate _____ is in the hands of God.** *Alexander the metalworker did me a great deal of harm. The Lord will repay him for what he has done. 2 Timothy 4:14*
4. **Resolve not to _____.** *Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. ¹⁸ If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. 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. Romans 12:17-19*

Proactively _____ love. *“If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head.” ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. Romans 12:20-21*

5. _____ **the _____ of bitterness.** *Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.” Matthew 11:29-30*

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Discussion Questions from the Sermon

1. What was something you read in the weekly Scripture passages or heard in the sermon that made an impact on you? Explain.
2. In the sermon we talked about what is foundational to forgiveness. What were the three things that were mentioned? What would you add to this list? Which of these do you think is the most important? Explain.
3. In the sermon we mentioned five steps to dealing with bitterness. Which of these particularly spoke to you? Why?
4. Read Romans 12:17-19. What is Paul saying to the Roman church? How might the realization of God's judgment help with bitterness?
5. In the sermon we mentioned the cost of bitterness. As you look at your own life or the life of someone close to you, what would you say has been the cost of bitterness?
6. What is one specific way you can apply the biblical readings and/or the sermon in your life this week? That is, what will you do and when will you do it?

Weekly Bible Memory Verse: *Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. ⁵ It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.* 1 Corinthians 13:4-5

Bible Readings: Reading these passages of Scripture will help you become like Jesus in how you think and what you do, in addition to preparing you for next week's sermon. Remember to read these passages slowly, allowing the Lord to speak to your heart and mind:

Monday – James 5:13-20

Tuesday – Hebrews 3:7-19

Wednesday – Psalm 32

Thursday – Romans 14:1-23

Friday – Romans 8

Saturday – 2 Samuel 11

Sunday – 2 Samuel 12