

# Drained: The Impossible Gift

## Monday

**Matthew 18:1-4**

This passage reminds us that our view of greatness can sometimes be upside down from how Jesus views greatness. How often do we connect humility with greatness? Remember that forgiveness begins with humility.

## Tuesday

**Matthew 18:15-20**

Jesus reminds us to continue to work towards restoration of relationships. How do Jesus' thoughts in this passage line up with our response to conflict? Are we quick to work towards restoration or are we do we harbor anger?

## Wednesday

**Matthew 5:43-48**

Jesus teaches us that forgiveness begins with prayer. He calls us to not only pray for our family and friends but pray also for those who are opposed to us. As you work through the list of people that you are holding a grudge against, what would it look like to pray for them?

## Wednesday

**1 Corinthians 13**

This chapter is culturally used in weddings, but its application is far more encompassing. V. 5, in some translations includes the phrase "love keeps no record of wrongs," while other translations say, "love is not resentful." We learn that not showing mercy adds to our resentment. Give yourself the freedom today to let one grudge go, just for the day, so you can experience the freedom from it.

## Friday

**Matthew 9:13**

Jesus tells his disciples to understand the difference between sacrifice and mercy. How do you understand the difference between those things? How might that impact your relationships with God and with each other?

## Saturday

**Luke 23:34**

This verse shows just how radical Jesus' forgiveness was, to offer forgiveness in the moment of betrayal. He teaches us the power of forgiveness in life's most difficult moments. How does this moment speak to our struggles with forgiveness?

## Sunday

**Psalms 34**

As you prepare to come to worship, read this psalm and remember the goodness and the mercy of God. As you remember God's mercy in your life, look for ways to share that with someone else today.