

SERMON NOTES

January 28 & 29, 2023

Own It: Forgiveness

Matthew 6:14-15

1. God is lavishly _____ and painstakingly_____.

Human beings have accumulated mountains of _____. **Matthew 18:35**
Matthew 6:12, 14-15

2. Receiving forgiveness means _____.

3. Offering forgiveness is always _____.

Receiving forgiveness always involves the _____.

I John 4:20 b | Psalm 103:13 KJ | James 5:11c KJ | I Peter 3:8 KJ | Matthew 18:27

4. Choosing grace and forgiveness does not mean I:

a. _____ Wrong Doing

b. _____ to Reconcile

5. Choosing grace and forgiveness means I:

a. _____ to hurt them back

b. _____ before God

Life Steps

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Monday

Matthew 6:9-13

Reflect: How did the experience of working through the Lord's Prayer last week impact you? What are your most significant takeaways from the experience?

Prayer: Father, thank you for caring enough to listen to, and respond to my prayers.

Tuesday

Matthew 18:23-35

Reflect: Why does the King extend forgiveness to the servant? What does the servant's response reveal regarding the difference between wanting to be forgiven and wanting to get out of trouble?

Prayer: Before praying, "Thank you, God, for the gift of grace and forgiveness," reflect upon the accumulation of your own moral debt: and yet you are forgiven because Jesus paid it in full on the cross.

Wednesday

Matthew 6:14-15

Reflect: Why is forgiving others an integral part of being forgiven by God? How has your being forgiven by God impacted your ability to love others, positively or negatively?

Prayer: Think about the difficult people in your life and ask God to give you a heart of forgiveness for them. Wrap up with the Lord's Prayer.

Thursday

I John 4:20

Reflect: What does an inability to love others reveal about our relationship with God? With whom in your life circle do you struggle to love with agape love? What will you do to demonstrate agape love to them this week?

Prayer: God of endless love, help me to love those who are hard for me to love.

Friday

Psalms 103:13 KJ | James 5:11 KJ | I Peter 3:8 KJ

Reflect: What is your definition of pity? Grace? Mercy? Compassion? What is your response to learn that God has "pity" on you?

Prayer: Merciful God, soften my heart to be merciful and show your "pity" to those who have wronged me.

Saturday

Luke 7:36-50

Reflect: What do you learn from Jesus about forgiveness in the parable about the two debtors? How is love connected to forgiveness in this passage? To what extent do you extend love when you forgive?

Prayer: Ask God to show you where you need forgiveness. Ask for it. Then pray, God, help me to lovingly give away what I have received from you.

Sunday

Matthew 6:1-8

Reflect: Considering the disciplines of doing good deeds, giving, praying and secrecy, in which do you sense God leading you to own and make a growth priority? What is your next step?

Prayer: Slowly, reflectively, recite the Lord's Prayer from memory.