

Series: LIFE APPS

Message: Forgiveness App

August 9, 2015

Understand forgiveness starts with God. John 3:16; 1 John 1:9

There are four stages to overcoming hurt from others. Romans 12:17-21

1. Embrace God's forgiveness at the cross.
2. Forgiven people forgive.
3. Let God avenge you.
4. Overcome evil with good. Galatians 5:22

The Sword or the Cross?

You are overcome by evil done to you by withholding forgiveness.

You overcome the evil done to you by forgiving.

Yesterday, today, tomorrow: there is only power in today.

Food For Thought

For week of August 9, 2015

Turn a message into a conversation; join a friend or as a family and use the following thoughts and questions to continue the conversation from Sunday's message.

It is God's desire that every believer live a victorious life. Yet, God knows that there will be times when we will fail, miss the mark. His grace provides a way for us to be forgiven and be right with God.

1. Circle key words and phrases in the following Scriptures.

My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. **1 JOHN 2:1**

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet was without sin. Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

HEBREWS 4:15–16

He who conceals his sins does not prosper, but whoever confesses and renounces them finds mercy. **PROVERBS 28:13**

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. **1 JOHN 1:9**

Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD" and you forgave the guilt of my sin. **PSALM 32:5**

As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. **PSALM 103:12**

2. What do we learn about forgiveness in:

1 John 2:1 1

John 1:9

Hebrews 4:15–16

Psalm 32:5

Proverbs 28:13

Psalm 103:12

3. Memorize 1 John 1:9

4. Do a verse study of 1 John 1:9

List two key words and define them.

What does the verse say? (Paraphrase—Rewrite the verse in your own words.)

How can you apply the truth of this verse to your life today?

Best Year Ever Prayer

Lord Jesus,

I pray that you would work in me that I might reflect you more.

I pray that you work for me that I may be blessed by you.

I pray that you work through me that I may be an instrument of your love and grace.

I give you permission to work in me, for me and through me according to your purpose

Amen