

RICHER LIFE

- Pick up a devotional book and sign up for a small group at the info desk

SERVE THE BAY

- Choose a project and get involved!
- See insert in bulletin, check out tlc.org, or sign up in lobby

2020 VISION: PHASE 2

- Do not miss next weekend's launch! We want to reach the next generations for Christ!

TWIN LAKES WORSHIP ALBUM & WORSHIP NIGHT

- Pick up the new CD today in lobby or download it at iTunes, Spotify, and all major digital platforms! Join us for the worship night Sunday 6 pm!



RELATIONAL GENEROSITY

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TRUE OR FALSE QUIZ

Adapted from Rick Warren, "The Amazing Power of Forgiveness"

- T F** A person should not be forgiven until they ask for it
- T F** Forgiving includes minimizing the offense & the pain caused
- T F** Forgiveness includes restoring trust and relationship
- T F** You haven't really forgiven until you've forgotten the offense
- T F** When I see someone hurt, it's my duty to forgive the offender

WHAT FORGIVENESS IS NOT:

- It isn't _____ (See Mark 11:25)
- It isn't _____ the offense
- It isn't _____ a relationship without changes
- It isn't _____ what happened
- It isn't _____ when I wasn't the one who was hurt

So watch yourselves. “If your brother or sister sins against you, rebuke them; and if they repent, forgive them. Even if they sin against you seven times in a day and seven times come back to you saying ‘I repent,’ you must forgive them.” The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” Luke 17:3-5

HOW DO I FORGIVE SOMEONE?

1. REALIZE THE _____ OF UNFORGIVENESS

“So **watch yourselves**...” Luke 17:3a (See Hebrews 12:5)

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 12:19

2. REFUSE TO CARICATURE THEM; _____ WITH THEM

“If your **brother or sister** sins against you...” Luke 17:3b

“Forgiveness flounders when I exclude my enemy from the community of humanity and I exclude myself from the community of sinners.” – Miroslav Volf

3. RESPOND _____

“...**rebuke** them; and if they repent, **forgive** them.” Luke 17:3c

(Jesus said) “I say, **do good** to those who hate you, **bless** those who curse you, and **pray for** those who mistreat you.” Luke 6:27b-28 NIV

4. REPEAT _____

“Even if they sin against you **seven times in a day** and seven times come back to you saying ‘I repent,’ you **must forgive** them.” Luke 17:4

5. REMEMBER _____

In the parallel passage in Matthew, Jesus follows up with a parable about an unforgiving servant. His master says, “Shouldn’t you have had mercy on your fellow servant **just as I had on you?**” Matthew 18:33 (See Colossians 3:13)

“If you know God’s love and forgiveness, then there is a limit to how deeply another person can hurt you. He or she can’t touch your real identity, wealth, and significance. The more you rejoice in your own forgiveness, the quicker you will be to forgive others. You are rooted in emotional wealth.” – Tim Keller

WHERE DO I GET THE POWER TO DO THIS?

The apostles said to the Lord, “**Increase our faith!**” Luke 17:5

ACTION STEP

This week, when someone offends you, think:

RESOURCES AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Stats and research on forgiveness accessed at <http://www.mayoclinic.org/healthy-lifestyle/adult-health/in-depth/forgiveness/art-20047692>

Points 1 and 2 adapted from Tim Keller, “Serving Each Other Through Forgiveness and Reconciliation”; quotes on forgiveness from Keller, *Reason for God*

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