

February 17th Sermon

Series: Supernatural Love

Today's Talk: Forgiving Love

Forgiving Love is constantly derailed by _____ - it flounders on the rocks of self-centeredness.

Why Failure? We are _____ grateful enough, we lack the _____ we need for Christ's death on the cross.

2 Corinthians 5:14 *"The love of Christ compels me..."*

Romans 1:18 — we have the capacity to *"suppress the truth"* by our wickedness.

Hebrews 3:13 — we are warned to not be *"hardened by sins deceitfulness"*

Ugly Reality: I can be _____ and hard—distorting or denying my inner world or the realities of the outer world.

The Chains: Not forgiving myself or others, as if I were _____ than God—seeing only my shame and guilt or hurt and ignoring Christ's work on the cross.

Our Need: To be _____ into utter silence; to see the gravity of our sin damage and to gaze into God's loving, all-forgiving eyes.

Psalms 46:10 *"Be still and know that I am God."*

Romans 3:19 *"... so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world held accountable to God."*

Most of Us: _____ ourselves that our good intentions make us good.

"Direction not _____ determines the destination." ~Andy Stanley

⇒ God's _____ method of provoking silence: "Brace yourself like a man."
(Job 40:7)

What If: Jesus said "I'll forgive _____ of what you did"?

How To Let Go And Move On

1. Look For The _____ of Lingering Guilt.

⇒ Self-_____, self-deprivation, self-depreciation, self-_____.

Example: _____ - *"I'm going back fishing!"* (John 21:3)

◆ Because we won't forgive ourselves, we don't believe _____ forgive us either and so see ourselves through the lens of failure.

2. Understand The _____ of LingerinG Guilt.

⇒ Living by _____ - we may still hurt but we can through Christ refuse to allow the hurt to _____ us.

2 Corinthians 5:7 "We live by faith, not by sight."

Romans 8:1 "... there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus."

Note: Not forgetting the past is reality but we can let go of the _____ of the past.

Colossians 3:13 "Forgive as the Lord forgave you."

⇒ Lacking _____.

Matthew 6:14, 15 "For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you."

⇒ Living for _____.

John 21:17 "The third time He said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, 'Do you love me?' He said, 'Lord, you know all things, you know that I love you.' Jesus said, 'Feed my sheep.'"