

Hope Chapel Series: "God will Go the Extra Mile to Bless" part 6

Message Summary: One of the most dangerous heart conditions we can have is unforgiveness. If we do not forgive others, we will not be forgiven, and our faith will not work. If our faith doesn't work, we are in serious trouble because everything that comes from God comes by faith. Based on what the Bible says, it really doesn't matter how great the offense was, we serve a God Who is greater, and if we will handle the offense in the right way, He will bring justice, recompense, freedom, and blessing.

FORGIVING: the Way to Freedom & Blessing

Mark 11:24-25

- 1. To forgive is not an action but an attitude - Matthew 18:35**
- 2. To forgive is not an apology - Matthew 6:14-15**
- 3. To forgive is a promise to not hold a grudge - Romans 12:19-21**
- 4. To forgive is not faith but a command - Luke 17:3-10**
- 5. To forgive is not a feeling - Ephesians 4:30-32**
- 6. To forgive others is God's will - Colossians 3:12-13, Matthew 18:21-22**

LifeGroup QUESTIONS: *All LifeGroups are on Spring Break until April 16th*

OPEN IT - Why do you think holding a grudge would affect your relationship with your best friend?

EXPLORE IT-

1. According to Mark 11:24-25 what can stand in the way of God's forgiveness?
2. Why does Jesus tie God's forgiveness of us with our forgiveness of others?
3. In Luke 17:3-4 what advice did Jesus give His disciples about how to react when others sin against them?
4. When is it difficult for you to forgive others?
5. Why is it our "duty" as Christians to forgive?

APPLY IT - What can you do today to let go of a grudge or feeling of offense?