

The Year Of Following Jesus #146 How To Forgive

October 16, 2024

Welcome Home!
Thanks for joining us today

October 19 & 20, 2024

Lay Me Down

Welcome

Holy Forever

I Believe

Lord's Supper Thought

Send Me

Prayer

Communion

Lesson: The Year(s) of Following Jesus

#146 - How to Forgive - Pastor Ed



Good Stuff To Know

Riverside Services Online- If you aren't in town on the weekend, you can still follow our services. We live stream each service on Facebook! You can also watch them anytime through Facebook by navigating over to <https://www.facebook.com/EagleRiverside>. And you don't need a Facebook account to watch the videos.

Offerings To Riverside - In case you were wondering- We don't pass a collection plate at Riverside. If you'd like to give, there are boxes at the back & envelopes in the information racks for cash donations. If you would like the convenience of giving online, go to www.EagleRiverside.com, click on "Give" and follow the directions. Your donations are an answer to our prayers and are the only means by which Riverside is able to operate.

FAQs - Have questions about why we do what we do and why we don't do what we don't do? Chances are you'll find more about it on our FAQs page. You can access the page from our website or text the word "Guest" to 907-312-2662 and you'll receive a link to the page.



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First Time Visitors

The Lord's Supper (Communion)

This is a time when we "commune" with God and remember Jesus' sacrifice. We also "commune" with one another as His church family. You are welcome to participate with us by going to one of the tables set up with trays- each cup is actually 2 cups (bread in bottom and juice on top) so grab a set of cups and take it back to your place (and don't forget to social distance). You can eat/drink the cracker and juice whenever you feel ready and then throw the cups away on your way out (there are trash cans at all exits). Ask if you need gluten free. Everyone is welcome to join us if you're interested in remembering Jesus' life & sacrifice with us.

"Welcome To Riverside" brochure available online.
www.EagleRiverside.com

This Week At Riverside

(Specific info about these activities is listed in the "Happenings" section)

- Ignite/Rev Monday
- Bible Study Wednesday
- Thrive Thursday
- Service project: candy & socks
- Pastor Appreciation

Need To Talk...

The church office is not staffed during the week. There is a preschool that uses our building, so Ed, Aniela & Nate work from home. If you would like to contact them directly you can call them or email and set up an appointment.

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Everybody's Welcome...

Nobody's Perfect...

Anything's Possible!

Riverside Happenings

Service Project(s)- The Harvest Festival is October 27th. We need lots of candy! See Janet or Cassie for details. And, a sock drive! See the board for details.

Pastor Appreciation- October is pastor appreciation month. Take a moment to drop a line or just say thank you to one of the many people who make Riverside Community Church the great place it is. If you'd like to donate towards a gift for the ministers at Riverside you can do that online or drop your donation in one of the boxes (just make sure to note what it's for).

Bible Study - Meeting Wednesdays from 6:30 to 7:30pm, led by Jake Belford. This is an opportunity to fill up your tank mid week with Jesus! All are welcome, no experience required.

Community Group - Alive is expanding to include our entire church family! Our goal is to encourage fellowship among believers, teach each other new skills, and enjoy life together! Contact Cassie, and text 'alive' to 907-312-2662 for updates.

Ladies Craft Day - Bring your own craft and a dish to share. Saturday, November 9th, 10am-4pm at the church. See Becky 812-449-7004.

Riverside Potluck - November 10th after the 2nd service. See Lenea.

Baptism - Want to get baptized or have questions? Scan the QR code or go to www.EagleRiverside.com/baptism



Write to our missionaries - Contact Hank at 713 548 7446.

Riverside App - Did you know Riverside has its own app? Download here.



Time To Winterize - The sn*w is coming. If you've never winterized your home before there are tips you can find on the Riverside website or FB page.

Upcoming Youth Events

Monday, October 21st, 6:00 - 7:30

Ignite and Rev (our two younger youth groups) will combine at Riverside for pizza, games, and a devotional. For 4th - 8th graders. Questions? Like to help? See Cassie.



THRIVE

Thursday, October 24th, 6:00 - 8:00

9th - 12th graders. At Riverside. Pizza, games, and a devotional. Questions? Like to help? See Aniela.

To get updates, text the following to 907.312.2662:
"IGNITE" (4th & 5th) "REV" (6th-8th), -or- "THRIVE" (9th-12th).

Following
The Year(s) Of ^Jesus #146
Jesus' 3 Steps To Forgiving

Forgiveness

DOESN'T MAKE THEM RIGHT;
IT JUST SETS US FREE.

Then Peter came to him and asked, “Lord, how often should I forgive someone who sins against me? Seven times?” “No, not seven times,” Jesus replied, “but seventy times seven!

—Matthew 18:21-22 (NLT)

Jesus' Parable Teaches Us...

1. Why It's So Crucial.

- *Then the king called in the man he had forgiven and said, ‘You evil servant! I forgave you that tremendous debt because you pleaded with me. Shouldn't you have mercy on your fellow servant, just as I had mercy on you?’ Then the angry king sent the man to prison to be tortured until he had paid his entire debt. “That's what my heavenly Father will do to you if you refuse to forgive your brothers and sisters from your heart.”*

—Matthew 18:32-35 (NLT)

2. How To Forgive.

i. Identify With The Offender.

- *The master took pity on him...*

—Matthew 18:27 (NLT)

ii. Cancel The Debt.

- *The master took pity on him, canceled the debt.*

—Matthew 18:27 (NLT)

- *When Jesus had tasted it, he said, "It is finished!"*

Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

—John 19:30 (NLT)

- *The Lord is compassionate and merciful, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love. He will not constantly accuse us, nor remain angry forever. He does not punish us for all our sins; he does not deal harshly with us, as we deserve. For his unfailing love toward those who fear him is as great as the height of the heavens above the earth. He has removed our sins as far from us as the east is from the west. The Lord is like a father to his children, tender and compassionate to those who fear him. For he knows how weak we are; he remembers we are only dust.*

—Psalm 103:8-14 (NLT)

- *But when you are praying, first forgive anyone you are holding a grudge against, so that your Father in heaven can forgive your sins, too.*

—Mark 11:25 (NLT)

iii. Let The Offender Go.

- *The servant's master took pity on him, canceled the debt, and let him go.*

—Matthew 18:27 (NLT)

- *But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii. He grabbed him and began to choke him.*

'Pay back what you owe me!' he demanded. "His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.' "But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt.

—Matthew 18:28-30 (NLT)

- *Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others.*

—Colossians 3:13 (NLT)

- *Forgive us for our sins, just as we have forgiven those who sinned against us.*

—Matthew 6:12 (NLT)

- *In prayer there is a connection between what God does and what you do. You can't get forgiveness from God, for instance, without also forgiving others. If you refuse to do your part, you cut yourself off from God's part.*

—Matthew 6:14-15 (MES)

3. Where To Find The Power/Help.

- *For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what He wants you to do.*

—Philippians 2:13 (NLT)

- *Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.*

—Hebrews 12:1-3 (NLT)

- *When you find yourselves flagging in your faith, go over that story again, item by item, that long litany of hostility he plowed through. That will shoot adrenaline into your souls!*

—Hebrews 12:3 (MSG)

Follow Through Step:

Spend some time reflecting on the parable and what it means for you and your relationship with others and with God. What do you think happens when you refuse to forgive those who've wronged you? How can you take one baby step to forgiving those who've hurt you?