

# The Year Of Following Jesus

## #144 What's The Deal With Forgiveness?

September 30, 2024

*Welcome Home!*  
*Thanks for joining us today*

**October 5 & 6, 2024**

God of Wonders

**Welcome**

Word of God Speak

Grace Like Rain

**Lord's Supper Thought**

The Heart of Worship

**Prayer**

**Communion**

**Lesson: The Year(s) of Following Jesus**

**#144 - What's the Deal with Forgiveness? -**

**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](http://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.



### 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](http://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
- ➔ Ladies Craft Day Saturday
- ➔ Potluck Sunday the 13th

### 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.

Ed - 907.306.2823, [ednjude@gmail.com](mailto:ednjude@gmail.com)

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Website: [www.EagleRiverside.com](http://www.EagleRiverside.com)

Facebook: EagleRiverside

### Riverside Happenings

**Service Projects-** The Harvest Festival is October 27th. We need lots of candy! See Janet or Cassie for details. The other October service project is Pastor Appreciation. 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.

**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, October 12th, 10am-4pm at the church. See Becky 812-449-7004.

**Riverside Potluck** - October 13th 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](http://www.EagleRiverside.com/baptism)



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

**Riverside App** - Did you know Riverside has its own app? You can watch LiveStreams, watch/listen to previous lessons, read daily reflections and download this bulletin and the lesson notes (among other things). Scan the QR code to download the app.



### Upcoming Youth Events

**Monday, October 7th, 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.



**Thursday, October 10th, 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).

Everybody's Welcome...

Nobody's Perfect...

Anything's Possible!

# Following The Year(s) Of ^Jesus #144 What's The Deal With Forgiveness?

Lord, teach us and help us to forgive

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“No, not seven times,” Jesus replied,  
“but seventy times seven!”  
Matthew 18:22 NLT

disciple says

*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)

- *Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.*

—Matthew 6:10 (NLT)

- *Be careful that none of you fails to respond to the grace which God gives, for if he does there can very easily spring up in him a bitter spirit which is not only bad in itself but can also poison the lives of many others.*

—Hebrews 12:15 (PHI)

## **2. How To Forgive.**

### **i. Identify With The Perpetrator.**

- *Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand talents of gold was brought to him. Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt. “At this the servant fell on his knees before him. ‘Be patient with me,’ he begged, ‘and I will pay back everything.’ The servant’s master took pity on him...*

—Matthew 18:25-27 (NIV)

- *When the Lord saw her, his heart went out to her and he said, “Don’t cry.”*

—Luke 7:13 (NLT)

## **Follow Through Step**

Spend some time reflecting on the parable and what it means for you and your relationship with others and with God. Can you see how Jesus identified with us and it caused His heart to go out to us? Can you see why He’d want you to do the same for those that wrong you?