CREEKSIDE’S TEACHING NOTES for Sunday, February 7, 2016



Part 4

The Art of FORGIVENESS

JUDGING

(Evaluate others with love and wisdom.)

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CONFRONTING

(Healthy confrontation is a gift.)

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REPENTANCE

(Name It – Own It – Grieve It – Confess It – Quit It – Mend It)

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FORGIVENESS

• FORGIVENESS IS A CHOICE:

FORGIVENESS

DENIAL

VENGEANCE

• FORGIVENESS IS OUTRAGEOUS:

*“to release, to hurl away, to free yourself”*

Forgiveness is a decision I make to not seek personal payment for a deliberate hurt caused me by another.

Do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, and pray for those who mistreat you

Luke 6:27-28

To return evil for good is the devil’s way;

to return good for good is humanity’s way;

to return good for evil is God’s way.

A M Hunter

• FORGIVENESS IS COMMANDED:

. . . forgiving each other just as in Christ God forgave you.

Ephesians 4:32

• FORGIVENESS IS ACKNOWLEDGING MY HURT

Forgiveness doesn’t minimize the hurt. Forgiveness is only necessary because there was a deliberate hurt.

• FORGIVENESS IS A PROCESS

Forgiveness is sometimes a one-time deal but more often than not it is an ongoing repeated practice. I keep telling myself to forgive; to let go; to stop with the feelings of revenge.

• FORGIVENESS IS AN ACT OF FAITH

Don’t take it on yourself to repay a wrong.

Trust in the LORD and he will make it right.

Proverbs 20:22 GN

• FORGIVENESS IS HEALING

Forgiveness is the only way to heal the hurt you never deserved.

 – Lewis Smedes

It’s foolish to hold a grudge.

Ecclesiastes 7:9

• FORGIVENESS IS ABOUT YOU, ME AND GOD

This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother from your heart.

Matthew 18:35

For if you forgive people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive people their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.

Matthew 6:14-15

• FORGIVENESS IS MODELED BY GOD

. . . forgiving each other just as in Christ God forgave you.

Ephesians 4:32

• FORGIVENESS IS POSSIBLE

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

Philippians 4:13

YOU CAN LEARN TO FIGHT RIGHT . . . Q & EH?

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