

PURE MARRIAGE: Pure Forgiveness

Sermon # 6, Matthew 18:21-35; Ephesians 4:31-32; Colossians 3:12-14

Main Point: *Forgive your spouse as Jesus has forgiven you.*

Getting to Know You

1. In what ways does lack of forgiveness hurt a marriage? How does forgiveness help a marriage?

Getting Into the Book:

Read Matthew 18:21-35

2. What's the point of Jesus' answer to Peter's question in v. 22?
3. What does the forgiveness of the King for the slave's astronomical debt (10,000 talents) remind Christians of? See Titus 3:3-5.
4. What point is Jesus driving home about forgiveness when he tells us how the forgiven servant acted toward a fellow servant? See 18:34-35.
5. In what ways have you been tempted to put a limit on your forgiveness for your spouse?

Read Ephesians 4:31-32 & Colossians 3:12-14

6. What types of responses does God want us to avoid during marital conflict? What types of responses are we commanded to have?
7. How many complaints toward our spouse are we commanded to forgive? Answer the objection, "Yes, but he/she really hurt me badly."
8. Do you think there is a distinction between forgiveness and enabling people to sin? See John 8:1-11 (esp. v. 11).
9. Review Ephesians 4:32 & Colossians 3:13. List some adjectives describing how Jesus has forgiven you for your sin.

Getting Out There

10. Based on our study today, who, and in what way(s) do you need to forgive?

Prayer

Pray that God would help you better understand His forgiveness for you, and to work through you to be a dispenser of His forgiveness to your spouse and others.