

TALK IT OVER

KEEPING THE THIEF OUT (PART II)

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Last week we talked about the importance of not opening doors to the thief of our soul, specifically through the occult. This week, we will be making sure we keep another door shut on our enemy; The door of unforgiveness. Throughout our lives, we experience emotional traumas, that if left untreated, could be a devastating passageway for the enemy to do what he does (**See John 10:10**). As a reminder, read **Ephesians 4:27**, and let's apply it today!

Traumas are emotional injuries caused by another person's mistake. Rejection, abandonment, abuse (physical, emotional, sexual or verbal), betrayal, teasing and discrimination, opens the door to evil spirits that cause insecurity, loneliness, self-harm, and could introduce a person to abuse drugs, alcohol, become violent, lust uncontrollably, and eventually take their life (*remember... the thief comes to kill!*). He won't relent until he finishes the job. Look how much weight Jesus put into forgiveness (**Matthew 6:14-15 & Luke 6:37**).

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. How much time does it usually take you to forgive someone that offended you?
2. Based on **Matthew 6:14-15**, why is it dangerous not to forgive our offenders?
3. In **Matthew 18:27**, why did the king release him, aside from forgiving the debt?



"And don't sin by letting anger control you. Don't let the sun go down while you are still angry, for anger gives a foothold to the devil."
- Ephesians 4:26-27 (NLT)

In **Matthew 18:23-35**, Jesus left us a parable regarding forgiveness. It is about a King (God), who forgives a multi-billion dollar debt to one of his servants (us - sin debt). Upon being forgiven, the servant finds one who owed him a much smaller sum, and he did not extend forgiveness and mercy. As a consequence, the king handed him over to the torturers, until he paid the debt.

We cannot ignore or minimize the multi-billion dollar debt that Jesus paid on the cross for our freedom! When we do not forgive those who offend us, we are imitating the servant who received much mercy, but he did not extend it to others.

Lead the attendees to verbally forgive their offenders and be set free!

Class # 11

UPCOMING EVENTS

FAMILY EASTER JAM (*Whole Family Event*)
EASTER SERVICES
NEXT STEPS COURSE

Sat, April 3 (10am – 1pm)
Sunday, April 4 (10am & 12pm)
April 4 (9am via Zoom or Live)