

Welcome to the

Jesus IS Here!

Retreat for Women in Essex County

You will Experience Jesus here and leave knowing

FORGIVENESS

Featuring

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Retreat Schedule

8:30	Registration
9:00	Introductions
9:30	Jesus is Here Topical Teaching
11:30	Lunch (1 hour)
12:30	Wader's Workshops
1:30	Shema Ishshah Yapourdee
3:00	Dismissed for Biblical Problem Solving

*Keep Jesus with you
wherever you are spurring
others to love and good deeds!*

We are well aware that God loves us and forgives us our sins but how do we translate that to people or are we supposed to? The hardest thing to do in the world is forgive someone the wrongs they have committed against us especially if they continue to commit those wrongs over and over again. As a Christian I can also see that the hardest thing for a Christian to do is act forgiven. Our behavior as a Christian is to reflect that we have been forgiven by our Jesus and we are to pass that forgiveness along.

All of us have those people who commit wrongs against us and are deserving of our hatred but we are Christians expected to act forgiven and also to forgive. Can the Bible reveal to us all we need to know about forgiveness? Does it tell us that we can actually forgive people? Jesus taught about forgiveness multiple times even to His death He was teaching us about forgiveness (Luke 23:34). Jesus understands forgiveness and He also understands us. He understands that there are things we need to know to spurs us on to do His will in our life. We are going to look at six remarkable teachings in the Bible regarding forgiveness and why we need to forgive.

First Teaching

Refresh Your Current Knowledge

The best way to learn is to travel back to the beginning and be reminded of what Jesus said about forgiveness. We must not ignore these verses when we read them.

Read Luke 5:21-26; Matthew 18:18; Matthew 18:21-35

These verses tell us that forgiveness is not about us it is about being obedient to Jesus. Our lack of obedience has consequences therefore we need not only refresh our knowledge about forgiveness but recognize the imminent threat from Jesus when we refuse to forgive.

Second Teaching

Recognize the Threat to You

There is an imminent threat to our standing in Heaven if we refuse to forgive. Our refusal to forgive is a direct blow against Jesus not our adversaries but God Jesus!

Read Matthew 6:14-15; Ephesians 4:1

We do not forgive people because it makes us feel better (sometimes it doesn't) we are to forgive people because it is a directive from Jesus. AND if we decide to hang onto that hurt remember that when you stand in front of Jesus you will also not be forgiven.

Therefore if forgiveness has nothing to do with the other person or to do with you here on the earth what should our next move be?

Third Teaching

Run to Jesus

Oh, there are things to know about forgiveness that can cause us to lose much more than we are gaining when we decide to hang onto the pain. Knowing that let us get to work righting ourselves with Jesus and forgiving our fellow man.

Read Matthew 5:22-25; Matthew 11:28; Romans 8:27

The world will cause a ruckus but we on the other hand should run to Jesus. Our response to pain should look different as Christians from the world's response.

Fourth Teaching

Respond in Loveliness

We definitely need to work on our response to pain inflicted by others upon us. We know that when someone accidentally or intentionally hurts us it is painful but how will people know that we are obeying Jesus if not by our reaction.

Read Luke 6:27-28; Colossians 3:12-13; Proverbs 25:21-22

The world is not expecting this kind of obedience. No matter what they do they never expect this kind of treatment not even from people who profess to be Christians. This is foreign to them but it is also foreign to us and very hard to accomplish. It takes work and persistence to accomplish but the rewards are more than we can ever imagine.

Fifth Teaching

Revel in True Love!

The true love is agape love. This love comes from Jesus alone and is felt by someone who is His true disciple. We feel agape love from Jesus and in truth love Him with agape love. We learn this wonderful love from Jesus and can pass it along. When we pass this love along it comes back to us. We do not need to know love from people before we can give them love because we know true love not the fake love that comes from people based on our performance.

Read: John 15:12-13; John 13:35; 1 Peter 4:8; 1 John 4:8; 1 John 4:18

True love is love that is not deserved and not warranted. Love that knows our Jesus and that love swells our heart so big that we cannot wait to love. When we love this way on earth the Heavenly rewards are to die for!

*Sixth Teaching**Rise Up to Your Reward*

We need to persevere in everything including forgiveness so that when we have done the will of God we will receive what is promised. (Hebrews 10:36) What has Jesus promised us if we persevere and are overcomers besides going to Heaven? Let us go through the list. Turn to Revelations 2 and 3. **Highlight the one you want the most.** Then I want you to go back into Revelation and see what you must overcome to get it.

For He who has an ear, let Him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

What does hear mean in the Bible?

Revelation 2:7 To him who overcomes I will give to eat from the tree of life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God.

Revelation 2:10 Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.

Revelation 2:17 To him who overcomes I will give some of the hidden manna to eat. And I will give him a white stone, and on the stone a new name written which no one knows except him who receives it.

Revelation 2:26-28 And he who overcomes, and keeps My works until the end, to him I will give power over the nations— as I also have received from My Father; and I will give him the morning star.

Revelation 3:5 He who overcomes shall be clothed in white garments, and I will not blot out his name from the Book of Life; but I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels.

Revelation 3:12 He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go out no more. I will write on him the name of My God and the name of the city of My God, the New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God. And *I will write on him* My new name.

Revelation 3:21 To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.

Outside of going to Heaven we need to know that there are plenty of rewards that will tickle our fancy. Heaven is one thing but living on the New Earth is a whole new ball game. We will be here longer than we will be in Heaven. Eternity as a matter of fact so hear what the Spirit is saying to you so you will get the rewards for Eternity.

Forgiveness is very important to Jesus because He knows what kind of ailments can result from not forgiving so He gave us something to do it for. He teaches us constantly how to live out our calling so that we are worthy to be given these rewards. We want all of these rewards but we cannot get them once we are in Heaven we have to earn them right here on Earth. I know how hard it is to earn these rewards because to become an overcomer you have to be broken in 455 piece today and maybe 400 tomorrow and it gets less and less but until He is finished you have not persevered and have not gained the rewards. I can testify that broken, battered and demolished is not a good place to be but molded, formed and built up is where Jesus is. And where Jesus is that is where I want to be!

Action Plan

Most of us know who have committed wrongs against us. This month I want you to write those people on a piece of paper by themselves and accuse them of their wrong and then condemn them. **Remember this is ONLY on paper!!!! Get your rage against them out....**

Then I want you to write down things that you have done to others that were very similar to what you have condemned someone else for and give yourself the same punishment.

Then I want you to go to the word of God and justify the accusation. Then justify the condemnation if you can. Then talk to Jesus about how you would feel if this person were condemned because you could not forgive them. Then tell Him how you feel about being condemned for the same reason. If you had the power to condemn what would that look like given all the mistakes you make?

The Word has a lot to say about condemnation and how fitting it is. It also has a lot to say about who is in charge of condemnation. Make sure you are well aware of who that is and why.

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Wader's Workshops



The Wader's Workshops are designed to give you enough information about Jesus, you and/or the world to bring you dangerously close to the deep but still far enough away that you cannot reach it without taking a swim. Once you begin to wade you will get used to the water and hopefully your desire to swim into the deep grows and you will wade deeper and deeper until you can dive into the deep without abandon.

Let us begin our wade!

What do you want people to say about you when you die?
How many people do you want at your funeral?

The Legacy

The process of leaving a legacy begins with attempting to see the world through the eyes of your mourners rather than your own eyes because they look mighty different. The only way that we are going to get to know people in that manner is if we learn what types of people enter our lives and how we should be reacting to those people.

People come into our lives for different reasons and for different seasons and in that time we have a great opportunity to make an impact on their life they won't soon forget. We also are able to allow them to have an impact in our lives too. The people we meet up with everyday fall into three categories: the **fleeting fellowshippers**, the **seasonal sorority** and the **lifetime leaguers**.

Fleeting Fellowshippers

SPARKATUDE	POSITUDE	EASITUDE

Seasonal Sorority

RETAINATUDE	HEEDATUDE	IMPARTATUDE

The Lifetime Leaguers

SYMPATHATUDE	DEVOTATUDE	FORGIVITUDE

How do we track to see if we are leaving this type of legacy behind? Let us do a couple of exercises that will help us continue on the path of creating a legacy that will last. List the people we care about the most:

Now put them in order:

Now pick the top three and write what you want them to say about you when you are no longer on the earth but in Heaven. Use the back of the page if you need too.

The point of leaving a legacy is not about the legacy it is about the living OF it. The legacy comes from how we live. Jesus told us that we are to be Him on this earth. Take my yoke and learn from me (Matthew 11:29). Why should we learn from Him? The largest legacy we want to leave behind is that we loved Jesus well. That is the one I want to leave behind.

Until we meet again do your best to live out the legacy that you have written down. You wrote what kind of legacy you want to leave behind so do your best to leave it.

Thank you for coming to the

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We want you to experience Jesus in a new way and
leave today knowing Him better.

Bi- Monthly
Gatherings
9:00am to 3:00pm
Bring your own lunch

@ Hillman United Church,
Leamington, Ontario
Registration begins at
8:30am

Saturday, May 7, Topic: Prayer

Saturday, July 30, Topic: Enjoyment Mother/Daughter Picnic

Saturday, September 24, Topic: Fruit

TO REGISTER AT ANYTIME FOR THESE ***NO COST*** ENCOUNTERS
WITH JESUS

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