

JESUS AT THE CENTER OF PRAYER

Peace
Message 5

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2. Unresolved debts _____ and _____
our faith.
(Genesis 50:19-21; Matthew 6:14-15)

► Outline

"I tell you, her sins—and there are many—have been forgiven, so she has shown Me much love. But a person who is forgiven little shows only a little love."
Luke 7:47 (NLT)

A. Introduction (Matthew 6:12)

B. Peace in Forgiveness

1. We naturally _____ God and
_____ others' debts.

(Matthew 18:23-28. C/R: Luke 7:47; Romans 5:10; 8:15;
1 Timothy 1:15-16)

- God is _____ and we aren't.
- God is _____.
- God is _____.

Answers: B. 1. forget, remember, holy, all-knowing, all-powerful 2. grow, poison

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► Digging Deeper – Week 5 Peace

Use this guide by yourself or with friends to pursue a deeper relationship with Jesus. To connect with others, visit brookwoodchurch.org/groups.

Focus

This week our focus is on...

*"and forgive us our sins,
as we have forgiven those who sin against us."*

Matthew 6:12 (NLT)

Open

Describe a time you felt the kindness of God.

Pray

Pause for a few minutes to quiet your heart and mind. Then ask God for insight and direction as you study and reflect on this week's lesson.

Connect

Watch this week's video*, then use the following questions for reflection and conversation. Consider these Scriptures as you study and reflect:

Luke 23:34-38; John 5:23-24; 14:12; 1 John 1:5-10.

1. What stood out to you from the video? Did anything specific catch your attention?
2. What's the connection between our sin against God and the sin of others against us?
3. How is receiving forgiveness related to offering forgiveness? How have you seen that play out in your life?
4. How does it feel to be forgiven?
5. What happens over time when we harbor bitterness?
6. How often do you experience God's peace? What are some roadblocks for you?
7. Describe a time you offered forgiveness and truly released that person for something they said or did. What are ways you leaned on God during that time?
8. When have you had difficulty offering or asking for forgiveness? What things are hard to forgive?

9. Are you currently harboring resentment towards someone? How can you release that to God and move forward in your life?
10. What are you holding onto that you need to release? What impact would that have on your relationships?
11. After forgiveness, reconciliation and restoration can be difficult. Share a time when reconciliation either happened or didn't and how you handled it.
12. Is there someone you need to ask or offer forgiveness?

Guided Prayer

Jesus tells us in Matthew 6:15 that *if you refuse to forgive others, your Father will not forgive your sins*. Ask God to reveal anyone from whom you've withheld forgiveness. Pray over each other, asking God to help you release the hurt and replace it with His peace. Praise Him for the mercy and grace He gives us.

Daily Devotional

Spend time with God each day with the Daily Devotional. Available on the App.

Memory Verse

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Daily Reading

Day 1: Romans 2:4

Day 5: 2 Corinthians 5:18

Day 2: Luke 7:47

Day 6: Matthew 5:23-24

Day 3: 1 John 1:9

Day 7: Galatians 5:22-23

Day 4: Romans 8:1

Pray for Next Sunday

1. Pray that Brookwood is a church where the hurt find healing.
2. Pray that people remember God's grace and forgive others' debts.
3. Pray that people deal with their debts so they can grow in their faith.

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