

Hostage week 5– Freedom in Forgiveness

‘You will know the truth and the truth will make you free.’ John 8:32

How do we respond when someone hurts us? When we are offended? What is the best way to deal with the emotions and memories of these past events?

God’s Answer: _____

Matthew 18:23-35 - The Parable of the Unmerciful Servant

What happens when we don’t forgive someone?

1. Our enemy takes _____. (2 Corinthians 2:10-11)
2. You stay _____ to the past. (Philippians 3:12-14)
3. It interferes in our _____ with God. (Mark 11:25)

Forgiveness IS...	Forgiveness Is NOT...
A choice	A feeling or emotion
Letting go of anger and hatred	Forgetting – removal of hurt feelings/emotions
Letting God deal with the person (Romans 12:19)	Restoration of a relationship or trusting again
Required for freedom and healing	Continuing to put up with the sin of others

How to forgive?

1. Recognize unforgiveness and confess it
2. Bring to mind the people you need to forgive (ask God to show you) – your Index Card
3. Choose to forgive them & deal with every painful memory and emotion “Lord Jesus I choose to forgive (person’s name) for (event/memory) because it made me feel (your emotions).”
4. Relinquish your right for revenge, ask God to heal your emotions and to bless those that have hurt you. “Lord I choose not to hold onto resentment and anger. I thank you for setting me free from being hostage to my past. I relinquish my right to seek revenge and ask you to heal my damaged emotions. I now ask You to bless (each person’s name) who have hurt me. In Jesus’ name, I pray. Amen.”



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Order of Service

Songs of Worship

- I Am Free
- Unfailing Love
- Amazing Grace

Communion will be available during the last song of worship. You do not need to be a member of Life Church to participate. Use this time to connect with God.

Life Church Updates

Teaching: Hostage Series by Scott Himes

Response

Dismiss

Life Groups have started throughout our community. If you haven't signed-up please do so today or go online this week LifeChurchIndy.com

Upcoming Events

- Sun March 15th** Derek Loux from Forerunner School of Music
- Sun, March 22nd** Baby Dedication in both services
- Sun, March 22nd** Guest Reception 6PM at Tony & Lori’s House
- Sat, April 4th** Serving Lunch to homeless at Horizon House



Welcome to Life Church

We hope you will feel at home today and experience a closer connection to God and other people who are exploring relationship with Him.

Life Church is outwardly focused. By this we mean that we make it a priority to be involved in serving people in our communities and thereby demonstrating Christ's love in practical ways.

We are a spiritual family with people from all walks of life and many different faith backgrounds all joining together to discover and live the truth of God's Word revealed through Jesus Christ.

LifeGroups

Life Groups meet throughout the community each week. These gatherings

connect us to one another and give us the opportunity to share our life experiences and the challenges we all face in a casual and safe atmosphere.

To find out more visit the Life Group page on our website.



Pre-school & Big Kids

Calling all kids! Join us at the Modular Building just across the parking lot, for an exciting KIDS Church service with worship, puppets, games, relevant Bible teachings, and skits performed by our very own cast members.

Registration begins at 9:45AM Hope to see you there!!!

AVAILABLE AT BOTH 10 & 11:30 SERVICES

Nursery

The LifeKID's Nursery is located in the back of the auditorium. Each room is staffed with two Life Church Volunteers. The nursery provides a soothing atmosphere that engage babies in play.

Stop by the registration table to sign your little one up.



The 3 Month Tithe Challenge

Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty," and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it. - Malachi 3:10

A tithe is 10% of your income. This is a big commitment for anyone. So, try the three month challenge: Tithe for three months. If God doesn't hold true to the promises in Malachi 3:10-11, we'll give it all back.

Simply fill-out the Communication Card on your table and indicate the date you will start and the amount the represents a tithe of your income. If after three months you feel that it has not worked for you we will refund what you have given, no questions asked.



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