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Unforgiveness-PreacherRichD

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Any advice or counsel given is provided for informational purposes only. Your host for There is Hope, Richard Dover. Yes, I'm your radio host Richard Dover, also known as Preacher Rich D on social media.

In today's broadcast we're going to talk about the topic of unforgiveness. I believe that by the end of this broadcast there are going to be some of you listening that are going to get the victory over the unforgiveness that has consumed your life for years. So the question is, why am I speaking on the topic of unforgiveness? Because many of the problems within cities across America, including Fairfield Bay, Arkansas, has as its root unforgiveness.

There's a spirit of unforgiveness that controls many Americans, including Christians. It is time to address this topic. It's time to take a look at the elephant in the room.

There are two paths that we can take. We can take the paths of unforgiveness or we can take the path of forgiveness. The choice is ours.

Unforgiveness leads to bitterness, resentment, anger, and hate. It ultimately leads to bondage and pain. On the other hand, forgiveness leads to giving all the pain and hurt to Father God, which ultimately will lead to peace and freedom.

If we take a look at unforgiveness, what we see is wounded individuals who end up wounding others. If you just take a look at Facebook, you can see how there is all the anger, the bitterness, the resentment that people will post on Facebook, going after others, and a lot of that is based upon individuals who are wounded and have unforgiveness in their life. They don't see life in the eyes of hope.

If you have been overtaken with unforgiveness, you can be set free from its bondage. Will it take a miracle to be set free from unforgiveness? Maybe, but I have good news for you. God is still in the miracle business.

Before I talk about the topic of unforgiveness, I want to share two things first. There are two lies regarding forgiveness. One of those lies is, forgive and forget.

I'm sure you've heard it. It's the lie that if you've forgiven someone, you will forget the harm they have done to you or the harm they've done to a loved one. I want to tell you that's a lie from the pit of hell.

A person with dementia can forget multitudes of things. A person with mental illness can block out many tragic experiences through some very unhealthy coping mechanisms. But a person with a healthy mind is going to remember events.

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But through the power of forgiveness, those tragic events don't have that power over them. The lie is, you should not hold the guilty party accountable for their actions. The Bible teaches there are consequences for sinful behavior.

But we're not to take vengeance against the person who has done the wrong. We turn them over to God and his justice. Romans 12:19 in the Bible says, vengeance is mine says the Lord.

So to recap, if you remember the hurtful acts done to you and you desire justice, it does not mean that you have unforgiveness. So stop beating yourself up. Let us look in depth at unforgiveness to determine if we have the disease of unforgiveness, so we can find the cure.

It manifests itself in three main ways. Unforgiveness towards God, towards others, or towards oneself. Unforgiveness towards God.

There are those that state they will never trust God again or believe in God as being loving because of a tragic experience they had or loved one experienced. It goes like this, if God was loving then he would not let fill in the blanks. They blame God for acts of tragedy and evil instead of the fall of man in the demonic realm.

Sadly, what happens is instead of seeing Father God as a source of comfort and strength, they see him as an enemy, as one who's against them. Is that you? I want to pray for you. Lord God, you know this person's situation.

You know what has occurred that has caused them to question your love, to question if you're a caring, loving God. And Lord, you're big enough to handle all their grumbling, all their complaining, their attacking of you. You have big shoulders and you can handle whatever it is that the criticism they have for you.

I just pray Father God that you would overwhelm them with your love. You bring people, circumstances, situations to their life that they cannot question the love that you have for them in spite of what they experienced, in spite of the pain that they have. That they would come to a clear understanding that you love them.

And so Lord, will you reveal yourself to them in a powerful and a mighty way that they would have no doubt that you're a caring, loving God. That you will bring divine appointments to them to reveal your love for them, Lord. That they will not be able to question whatsoever the love of God that's come to their path.

And so we just ask you Lord God to reveal yourself in Jesus name. Amen. The next type of unforgiveness is unforgiveness towards others.

There are those who say I will never ever forgive you for fill in the blanks. The mindset is I will punish you for what you did. Here's the problem with that mindset.

Most of the time the perpetrator has moved on with their life while the victim is stuck in the past unable to move forward. They become bound up and they have no hope that they can move beyond the past. In the end they become the one that is punished.

But sadly they also many times make others suffer because of the unforgiveness that flows out to others. The question is, is that you? I want to pray for you if that is you. But first I want to let you know that Romans 8:28 in the bible says And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God to those who are called according to his purpose.

Heavenly Father I want to lift up those who may be listening that are struggling with the emotional mental physical pain that they've experienced from others Lord. They feel like there's no way they could ever forgive them and Father God they cannot have the ability to forgive them without your grace. Without you empowering them through your Holy Spirit to be able to forgive.

And I would ask Lord that you give them the faith to believe that your word is true. That you say in your word that you can turn all things around for good for those who love you who are called according to your purpose Lord. And so Father God give them the faith to believe that somehow some way good can come out of the tragedy they've gone through.

And that Father there are those who are listening who have seen it. They've seen you take tragic situations and turn around and make good out of it. And so we believe in what your word says.

Give the person listening the faith to believe it Lord God. And that you would bring healing to their minds to their spirit Lord God. You bring wholeness to them Father God.

You bring victory to them Lord that they'll no longer be in bondage to bitterness and resentment and grudges Lord God. And they'll have the grace the ability to give it all to you and allow you to bring healing into their life and we pray in Jesus name. Amen.

The last category of unforgiveness is unforgiveness towards self. When a person does not forgive themselves for their actions, even when they have repented they're saying they're wiser than God. You say how is that? Because if we repent of our sinful behavior the Bible makes it clear that God of the universe forgives us.

If God forgives us yet, we are convinced we should not be forgiven. We're saying God is foolish for forgiving us. Listen, our role is to receive his forgiveness not punish ourselves.

Psalm 103 verses 8 and 12 state The Lord is compassionate and gracious slow to anger and abounding in loving kindness. As far as the east is for the west so far has he removed our transgressions from us. I don't want to lift up the person who cannot forgive themselves.

They feel what they've done is too evil, too cruel, too rotten, too terrible to be able to be forgiven and yet you say in your word that if we confess our sins you're faithful just to forgive us of us of our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. So Lord if they've truly sincerely repented asked for your forgiveness then you have forgiven them and so Lord I pray they will receive that forgiveness that there would be a supernatural work in their life to release them from the condemnation this shame and the guilt that they have. Yes, they may have to pay consequences.

Maybe they're still paying for some consequences for their behavior but Lord God they can have peace to know that they are forgiven by the Almighty God of heaven and earth and that Father God that there would be a peace that comes upon them that only you can give Lord God a peace that passes understanding and that Father God they can have freedom from all the guilt and the shame and the condemnation that's in their life right now. Let me pray this in Jesus name. Amen.

Well, our time has run away from us at the end of this broadcast we will let you know how you can get a transcript of this show and obtain materials on the topic of forgiveness. In our next broadcast we will share helpful steps on how to walk in forgiveness so you can live a life of peace and freedom not being bound up by the things of the past. But guess what? You do not have to wait until our next broadcast to get free from unforgiveness.

Right at this moment Father God can give you the grace to not be bound up in unforgiveness. Do you want to be set free from unforgiveness? Listen, you will not get free if you justify, excuse, rationalize why you are a bitter resentful person towards God, others, or yourself. It is time to let go of the pain.

It is time to move beyond the past. It's time to walk in freedom from hurt and pain. It's time for a new life, a victorious life.

It is time to trust in Jesus Christ as your deliverer and healer. There is hope for a better future. There's a hope of eternity in heaven for those who know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.

How about you? Do you have a saving relationship with Jesus Christ? I'm not talking about knowing about Jesus. I'm talking about having a personal relationship with him. If not, right now you can confess your sins before God, acknowledge that Jesus died on the cross for your sins, was buried, and rose from the grave conquering sin and death.

Ask Jesus to be the Lord of your life, not just Savior, but Lord of Lords. If you want help in walking in forgiveness, living for Jesus, or have any questions, you can reach me at 1-866-WANT-GOD. That is 1-866-WANT-GOD.

Thank you for listening. This is Richard Dover, your Darius Hope Radio host. I've jumped in here because I have some exciting news to share.

An amazing opportunity has come to our Ministries of Creating Futures and Standing the Gap here in Arkansas. But what we're going to share is not only for Arkansas. We have the opportunity to get the gospel to every home in our local communities of Fairfield Bay, Greer's Ferry, and Heber Springs.

But it gets better than that. We have the opportunity to get the gospel into every home in the state of Arkansas. But it gets even better than that.

We have connections in other cities in America and are able to get the gospel into every home in those cities also. Yes, you heard me correctly. We can get the gospel into all of these homes.

As exciting as this is, we have even more good news. The cost for this outreach is zero dollars. Yes, you heard that correctly.

There is no cost involved. All of this is able to happen because of Saturate USA, a ministry committed to getting the gospel in every home in America. To learn more about this amazing opportunity, go to standinginthegap.creatingfutures.org. That is standinginthegap.creatingfutures.org and click on gospel.

We will have all the details and share how you can get involved. If you need prayer for you or for someone else, you can call 1-866-WANT-GOD and leave your prayer request. That's 1-866-WANT-GOD.

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