



ICEBREAKER

- Ketchup on eggs—yes or no? Do you put ketchup on anything else weird?
- On a 1-10 scale, how functional is your family? How did you come up with your number?

WATCH ONLINE MESSAGE (31 MINUTES)

Watch: <https://youtu.be/eyszc72IE4Q>

SCRIPTURE READING

Read: 1 Corinthians 13:1-8

Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing. Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails.

Forgiveness

1. Forgiveness is not about keeping score. It's about losing count.
2. Sometimes the worst done to you can bring out the best in you.
3. It's unforgivable not to forgive.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

• Read: Matthew 18:21-22

Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times? Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times."

What do you think Jesus is trying to communicate here?

Why do you think some of our biggest hurts often come from family?

• Read: 1 Corinthians 13:8

Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away.

Share a time you felt like love failed you. How can you still see God's love at work?

Remember the ketchup bottle? Is anything keeping love and forgiveness from pouring out of your life? How is God tapping on you?

Do you have a story like Pastor Jentezen's with his daughter? What is God leading you to do?

Words are powerful. Who do you want to build up with words this week?

• Pray Together

Good Father, thank You for constantly accepting us back. Thank You for forgiving us first. Holy Spirit, we need Your strength to be able to forgive those who've hurt us. Give us the courage to go with Your love into our broken relationships. We pray this in Jesus' incredible name. Amen!

PERSONAL REFLECTION

How has forgiveness played out in your life? Do you consider that Jesus forgave us all of all sin and that we are called to live and extend forgiveness as Christ does for us? Do you consider the forgiveness that has been shown to you from God and from others? Do you graciously extend forgiveness to those that have hurt or harmed you?

THIS WEEK'S CHALLENGE

- Is there anyone you need to ask forgiveness from? Ask God to show you, and reach out this week.
- Write a letter of forgiveness, whether you send it or not, to someone who's hurt you badly. Then, act on it.

THIS WEEK'S MISSIONARIES

Please keep our missionary family in Northern Asia in your prayers as this week's highlighted missionaries.

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