



**Luke 17:3** *Pay attention to yourselves! If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him, 4 and if he sins against you seven times in the day, and turns to you seven times, saying, 'I repent,' you must forgive him."* (ESV)

1. **Sadly** \_\_\_\_\_ (v.3a)

2. **Wholeheartedly** \_\_\_\_\_ (v.3b)

3. **Thoughtfully** \_\_\_\_\_ (v.4)

# Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **Psalm 103:10-14** and **Hebrews 4:15-16**. How does v.14 in this psalm encourage you, and how is it made even more heartening because of the incarnation?
2. Read **1 Thessalonians 4:1-8**. How could the verses listed in the first question become an excuse to not take your sanctification seriously and how does 1 Thessalonians 4 help to keep you from making those kinds of excuses?
3. Read **Daniel 9:3-19**. What are some of the notable features of Daniel's prayer of repentance that are often missing in the way we "tell God we're sorry"?
4. Read **Matthew 6:12-15**. Knowing that the rest of the New Testament is clear that we don't earn our forgiveness, how is it that forgiving others can be described in such emphatic terms?
5. Read **Genesis 50:15-21**. How can Joseph's perspective on being sinned against by his brothers become a helpful motivation to forgive wholeheartedly?

## This Week's Bible Reading Schedule

### April 30<sup>th</sup>

2Sam.23-24 & Lk.22:31-53

### May 1<sup>st</sup>

1Kgs.1-2 & Lk.22:54-71

### May 2<sup>nd</sup>

1Kgs.3-5 & Lk.23:1-26

### May 3<sup>rd</sup>

1Kgs.6-7 & Lk.23:27-38

### May 4<sup>th</sup>

1Kgs.8-9 & Lk.23:39-56

### May 5<sup>th</sup>

1Kgs.10-11 & Lk.24:1-35

### May 6<sup>th</sup>

1Kgs.12-13 & Lk.24:36-53

### May 7<sup>th</sup>

1Kgs.14-15 & Jn.1:1-28

The following related sermons are also available for downloading or streaming on the Focal Point Website ([FocalPointMinistries.org](http://FocalPointMinistries.org)).

Msg. 16-24 – **Christian Friendship: Patience & Forgiveness**

Msg. 11-08 – **Learning Counterintuitive Responses**

Msg. 13-08 – **Indebted to a Forgiving God**

Msg. 10-24 – **Exploring the Riches of Unearned Forgiveness**

Msg. 09-05 – **The Word's Clarity About Our Sin**

Msg. 08-13 – **Getting Honest About Myself**

Msg. 14-02 – **Exceptional Love with Exceptional Motives**

## This Sermon's Social Media Hashtag

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Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

Adams, Jay. **From Forgiven to Forgiving**. Calvary Press, 1997.

Brauns, Chris. **Unpacking Forgiveness: Biblical Answers for Complex Questions**. Crossway, 2008.

Bunyan, John. **Grace Abounding to the Chief of Sinners**. Reprint. Baker Books, 1986.

Carson, D. A. **Love in Hard Places**. Crossway Books, 2002.

Dever, Mark and Jamie Dunlop. **The Compelling Community**. Crossway, 2015.

Edwards, Jonathan. **Charity and Its Fruits**. Banner of Truth, 1969.

Lewis, C.S. **The Four Loves: An Exploration of the Nature of Love**. Mariner Books, 1971.

MacArthur, John. **The Freedom and Power of Forgiveness**. Crossway Books, 1998.

Piper, John and Noel Piper. **This Momentary Marriage: A Parable of Permanence**. Crossway 2009.

Pritchard, Ray. **The Healing Power of Forgiveness**. Harvest House, 2005.

Sande, Ken. **The Peacemaker: A Biblical Guide to Resolving Personal Conflicts**. Baker Books, 1997.

Smith, William P. **How to Love Difficult People: Receiving and Sharing God's Mercy**. NG Press, 2008.

Spurgeon, C. H. **All of Grace**. Whitaker House, 1985.

Welch, Edward T. **Side by Side: Walking with Others in Wisdom and Love**. Crossway, 2015.