



Love Lets Go (Forgives)

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God has removed our sins as far from us as the east is from the west. Psalm 103:2

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." -Jesus, John 13:34 (NIV)

Love... keeps no record of being wronged. 1 Corinthians 13:5

I get hurt.

We all stumble in many ways. James 3:2 (NIV)

I take charge of it.

"Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother when he sins against me? Up to seven times?" Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy times seven." Matthew 18:22

I stop focusing on my life so I can free myself to see what God wants and you need.

Do not look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others. Philippians 2:4

Matthew 18:23-33 (NLT)

Absorb and 'pay' for the pain.

God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. 2 Corinthians 5:21
If we don't love people we can see, how can we love God, whom we cannot see?

Talk it Over! For my thoughts and LifeGroup*

Not all of us are terrific at forgiveness. How good are you at it? What usually stands in the way of complete forgiveness for you?

Read Matthew 18:21-35

Talk about what you see.

Do you relate more to the king or to the servant (or the fellow servant)? What does this teach us about forgiveness?

What does it mean to say that "forgiveness 'absorbs' the hurt?" Talk about that for a few minutes.

How does forgiveness "absorb the pain"? What does even mean? Why does 'death to self (Colossians 3:1-3) help?

Did you 'drop a rock'? If comfortable, share whom you needed to forgive.

Pray for each other!

*A LifeGroup is a group of people who are committed to loving each other and growing through times like these. For more information, connect with Pastor Len at len@marinerscc.org