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Forgive One Another

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How do you decide what to wear each day?

Colossians 3:12 – ...as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved

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Colossians 3:13 – bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other.

Forgiveness is Grace-giving.

Forgiveness is not Forgetting.

Forgiveness is a Choice, a Crisis of the Will.

Forgiveness is Costly.

Forgiveness comes from Your Heart.

Forgiveness is Never a Feeling.

Forgiveness Formula

"God, I forgive GEORGE WASHINGTON for CHOPPING DOWN THAT CHERRY TREE. I loved that tree and miss watching it bloom each Spring. I am sad that it is gone, and I have been angry at George for what he did. I release George to You and I release my right to seek revenge, I choose not to hold on to my bitterness and anger, and I ask You to heal my damaged emotions. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen."

Talk it Over! For my thoughts and LifeGroup*

Read Colossians 3:12-13

Talk together about the action of 'putting on/clothe yourselves'. What does that imply?

How do compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience impact the next statement to 'bear with each other and forgive one another'?

Why do you or others, even when trying to live like Jesus, struggle with forgiveness? Discuss the role of the 'lack' of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience in not forgiving others.

Pastor Curt spoke of the freedom that comes from forgiving others. Talk about how forgiveness releases you from your past hurts and allows freedom to take root in your life.

Identify someone you may be struggling to forgive and ask your group to pray with you to take the steps towards freedom.

Pray with each other in your group specifically about forgiving others and 'putting on' the necessary attributes.

*A LifeGroup is a group of people who are committed to loving each other and growing through the ups and downs of life. For more information, connect with the church, marinerschurch@marinerscc.org