

Forgive & Live Week 3

Leveling the Playing Field

It takes two to tango

Sometimes we _____ the dance.

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Sometimes we _____ the dance going.

Sometimes we build _____ to protect us from being hurt.

Matthew 18:21-35 Parable of the Unmerciful Servant

Who is the boss?

Who is the woman who owes her boss?

Who is the co-worker?

What does the debt represent?

When we _____ against someone, we _____ something from them.

When we _____ against God, we steal His _____.

God's Law is summed up in just 2 commands:

1. Love _____.
2. Love _____.

How much do I owe God?

One sin = \$ _____

5 sins/day = \$ _____

Sins/year = \$ _____

Sins/10 years = \$ _____

No one has sinned against _____ as much as I have sinned against _____.

My sin _____ Jesus to the _____.

Forgiveness happens when:

1. I recognize the _____ of my own sin.
2. I _____ forgiveness from God.
3. I _____ how much God's forgiveness _____ him.
4. I gain _____ and _____.

Forgiving ourselves doesn't work because

- It's not _____
- It's not _____

The solution is

- Ask for God's forgiveness and _____ it.
- Recognize the _____.
- Have _____ for yourself.

Discussion Questions:

1. What did you notice as you did your homework this past week?
2. Thinking about the saying, "It takes two to tango," do you usually start the dance, finish it or keep it going?
3. What kind of defense mechanisms have you built to keep you from being hurt?
4. Before today, how did you define sin? If sin is stealing God's glory, how have you stolen His glory?
5. The speaker talked about how pride manifests itself in her. How does pride manifest itself in you?
6. Think about the story of the woman who owed her boss a million dollars. If you could put a monetary value on how much your offender owes you, how much would that be? If you could put a monetary value on how much you owe God, how much would that be? How do the two amounts compare?
7. Your group leader is going to give you a piece of paper. On this paper, write down the ways you have sinned against God and others. If you feel comfortable, share some or all of this list with the group. Ask God to forgive you. Then put the paper in the bowl of water provided by the group leader.

Homework Activity: Make a new list. This list is about your offenses. How have you sinned against your offenders? How have you sinned against God?