



UNFORGIVENESS 2 Corinthians 2:7–11, Luke 23:34

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1. Share about a situation in which unforgiveness seemed to control you. What were the dynamics at play and how were you able, if at all, to move past that season?

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2. In the message, a handful of reasons were given why people refuse to forgive. What were some that stand out to you and why? What reasons might you add to the list?
3. In 2 Corinthians 2:7–11 the Apostle Paul offers wisdom about forgiveness. Read the passage thoughtfully, giving attention to the role Satan plays. How could Satan's schemes influence whether or not we forgive? See also Ephesians 4:26–27.
4. We have been defining a stronghold as "a destructive spiritual citadel from which there is no escape except by Christ's intervention." In what ways can unforgiveness be a stronghold from which there is no apparent escape? Why?
5. 2 Corinthians 10:3–5 finds the Apostle Paul addressing the reality of spiritual strongholds in our lives. What is the primary means by which we dismantle these—including unforgiveness—in our lives? See Colossians 3:2 for further insight.
6. Luke 23:34 finds Jesus repeatedly asking His Father to forgive the sins of those crucifying Him. How might Jesus' death and resurrection empower you to forgive others?

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7. Consider the following question: Is there someone today that you need to forgive? What is keeping you from doing so and what approach could you take to deal with this? Also, is there someone you could invite to hold you accountable regarding this matter?
8. For help to dismantle spiritual strongholds in your life, see the available resources at newhopechurchmn.org/strongholds.