

*Wyoming Baptist Church
March - April 2021*

**Daily Devotional
for Sermon Series**



a study of the "one anothers" of Scripture

Week 5 : March 15 - 21

The following series of daily readings, questions, and prayers has been designed by Pastor Tom Cullen to lead up to the sermon for the coming week. There are five daily studies for each week. Allow about 15 minutes a day to complete each daily devotional. This is not to take the place of any devotional you may now be doing but only is a supplement.

The weekly sermons can be heard at wyomingbaptist.com

Each week's daily devotional guide is also available online at wyomingbaptist.com

Sermon Schedule
Members of one another

February 21 – Members of one another Part 1
(1 Corinthians 12:12-27)

February 28 – Members of one another Part 2
(Romans 12:1-16)

March 7 – Love one another Part 1. (1 John 4:7-21)

March 14 – Love one another Part 2 (1 John 4:7-21)

March 21 – Forgive one another (Proverbs 25:21-22)

March 28 – Serve one another (John 13:1-17)

April 4 – Easter Sunday - What difference does the resurrection make? (1 Corinthians 15:12-22)

April 11 – Pray for one another (James 5:16)

April 18 – Be united with one another (Ephesians 4:1-16)

April 25 – Encourage one another (Hebrews 10:19-25)

Sermon Series Devotional Guide

Members of one another

a study of the "one anothers"

"Forgive one another"

Dr. Francis Schaffer wrote this in his classic book, "The Church at the end of the 20th century."

"In our own groups, in our own closed Christian communities, even in our families, when we have shown lack of love toward another, we as Christians do not just automatically go and say we are sorry. On even the simplest level, it is never very easy.

It may sound simplistic to start with saying we are sorry and asking forgiveness, but it is not. This is the way of renewed fellowship, whether it is between a husband and wife, a parent and child, within a Christian community, or between groups. When we have shown lack of love toward the other, we are called by God to go and say, "I'm sorry ... I really am sorry."

If I'm not willing to say, "I'm sorry" when I have wronged somebody else ... especially when I have not loved him (or her) I have not even started to think about the meaning of the Christian oneness which the world can see. The world has a right to question whether I am a Christian. And more than that, let me say it again, if I'm not willing to do this very simple thing, the world has a right to question whether Jesus was sent from God and whether Christianity is true."

Monday March 15

Read

- ❖ Ephesians 4:32

Study

1. Read the quote from Francis Schaffer in the introduction of this week's study. What do you think of what is being said? What does he say is the effect of saying sorry? What does he say is the effect of not saying, "I'm sorry?"

2. What does this text in Ephesians say is the motivation for forgiveness?

3. When forgiveness comes hard what would you suggest to a fellow believer?

Reflect

- ❖ Describe God's forgiveness for you in Christ.

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- ❖ How does God's forgiveness of you enable you to forgive another?

Pray

- ❖ Take time to pray to God with thanksgiving, confession and adoration.

For our church:

- ❖ Pray for our worship leaders, Ross, Steve, Pastor Darryl and Janet. Pray that they will have sensitive spirits - attentive to God's leading as they lead the team and us in worship.
- ❖ Give thanks for all our musicians and singers. Pray that as we worship together God will be our focus and He will receive glory.

Tuesday March 16

Read

- ❖ Matthew 18:21-35

Study

1. How does the parable that Jesus tells answer Peter's question?

2. Who are you in the parable? Who is the king? And who is the fellow servant for you?

Reflect

Allow the parable to resonate in your mind and heart. How do Jesus' words in verses 32 to 34 resonate with you? Is there an action that you need to take with another?

Pray

❖ Give thanks for the truth that through faith in Christ's sacrifice "all your debt" has been forgiven.

For our church:

❖ Pray for our audio visual team. Praise God for their faithfulness to God and their willingness to help with this important ministry.

Wednesday March 17

Read

❖ Mark 11:22-25

Study

1. What does Jesus say are the conditions for effective prayer?

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2. We know that God's forgiveness is given to us by grace through faith in Jesus Christ, not because of anything we have done. What does verse 25 mean then? (Read the parable in Matthew 18:21-35 again)
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Pray

- ❖ Give thanks for the cleansing we receive through faith in Jesus Christ.

For our church:

Pray for our pastoral search team. Pray that each one would have ears that are attentive to God's voice and courage to follow where he leads them.

Thursday March 18

Reading

- ❖ Matthew 6:9-15

Study

1. Verses 14 and 15 can cause some theological problems. It appears that God's forgiveness to us is based on our forgiveness toward others. Indeed, the NIV translation seems to suggest this. We are made to think that we need

to forgive others *so that* God will forgive us. But we know that God's forgiveness comes to us freely. So that can't be right.

What is clear here (and in the previous passages we have studied this week) is that God's forgiveness and our forgiveness are intricately linked. Forgiving others is the inevitable result of knowing God's forgiveness and if we are not moving to forgive others then we need to question if God's forgiveness is all that real in our lives.

Put verse 12 in your own words.

What do verses 14 and 15 say to you?

Pray

❖ "Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin ... Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow." (Psalm 51:1,2,7)"
Write out your own prayer of confession on a separate page.

For our church:

❖ As we all worship and minister together may we each have the prayer of the Psalmist on our lips, "*Not to us, O Lord, not*

to us but to your name be the glory, because of your love and faithfulness.” (Psalm 115:1)

Friday March 19

Read

- ❖ Proverbs 25:21,22

Study

1. How are these verses diametrically opposed to what the world often teaches?

2. What will be the result of treating our enemies in this way?

Pray

- ❖ Pray the verses “Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.” (Psalm 139:23-24) back to God.

For our church:

Pray for church custodians, Tammy and Terri. May they know God’s joy in their service, his protection as they work, and our thankfulness.

Additional Notes
