

Journey in Discipleship

In the corporate world people talk a lot about “Best Practices”, the necessary practices to succeed in that field. These practices are often evaluated & re-evaluated based on trends, technology & what’s working. Have you thought about your personal “Best Practices”, practices necessary to succeed as a follower of Jesus? List a few...

How do you meet Jesus personally?

Key Word: **Meditation**

How do you meet Jesus with others?

Key Word: **Worship**

How do you relate to other Christians?

Key Word: **Member**

How do you relate to those who hurt you?

Key Word: **Forgiveness**



Experiencing the Freedom of Forgiveness

- **Where are you in this story??**
- **Who needs forgiveness??**
- **How do you get forgiveness??**
- **How does being deeply forgiven
free you to deeply forgive??**

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Where Are You in this Story???

...Too bad to be deeply forgiven

...Too good to be deeply forgiven

...Deeply forgiven and in love with Jesus



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Who Needs Forgiveness???

For modern people ...

a discussion of sin, guilt & forgiveness seems obsolete

In contrast to “traditional cultures”...

But social sciences observes that modern people are still sinking under the sense of not being good enough

Though we don't believe in sin, hell or a morality outside ourselves... yet there's this voice inside you calling you a fool, failure, an idiot

Though we don't believe in sin, we still feel like sinners...

...because we are



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Luke 7:48-49 Then Jesus said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." The other guests began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?"

How are you going to get an absolutely clean slate???

- Every sin is ultimately against one person...your Creator
- The only way you can get complete forgiveness is if Jesus is who He says He is...God who forgives sins



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How Do You Get Forgiveness??

Your sins are forgiven (Luke 7:48)

Forgiveness is canceling a debt *(Luke 7:41-43)*

Your faith has saved you (Luke 7:50)

What kind of faith do you have???

Simon faith ...

- if you live the right way you can cancel your small debt
- You're too good too be deeply forgiven

Saving faith ...your only hope of the Father's forgiving love is Jesus bearing the curse of your sin on the cross in your place



Experiencing the Freedom of Forgiveness

**How Does Being Deeply Forgiven
Free You to Deeply Forgive???**

The Freedom of a New Inner Humility

“her many sins have been forgiven...” (Luke 17:47)

The problem with unforgiveness...you are sure that you are not as sinful...could never be as sinful, as the person who wronged you

BUT, the more you see yourself as needing forgiveness, the more ready you will be to forgive

**Your failures must serve to deepen your joy in how good God’s forgiveness tastes in the midst of your sin
...must cause your heart to be melted by the glory of Christ**



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The Freedom of a New Inner Wealth

“she brought an alabaster jar of perfume...& poured perfume on Jesus’ feet” (Luke 17:37-38)

Everyone one of us looks to something for a sense of inner wealth...
...what freed this woman to pour out the thing that affirmed her value as someone desirable by men????

**The wealth of knowing worth in the heart of God...
...she was forgiven and valued by God out of utter grace**

The more you see yourself as deeply loved by Christ,
the more you will be able to love sinners like you & forgive them

