

Meadowbrook Baptist Church

102 North Park Drive

August 3, 2025 / Worship 9:00 AM

10:00 AM

Coffee , Coke and Brunch Time

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FORGIVING PEOPLE WHO HURT US

“Get rid of all bitterness and anger / (have) no more hateful feelings. Instead, be kind and tenderhearted / Forgive one another as God has forgiven you through Christ. Since you are God’s dear children, you must try to be like Him. Your life must be controlled by love, just as Christ loved us and gave His life for us, as a sweet -melling offering and sacrifice that pleases God.” Ephesians 4

In the Play, “The Black Angel” a man returns home to find that a Nazi General, named Ingalls, had ordered the execution of all Jews in the town. This included his wife and three children. After the war, still filled with bitterness, he searched for Ingalls so he could have him tried. He found him in a village 25 years later, living under a different name.

He went there, told the towns people what he had done, and a mob called for a rope so they could hang him. As they were gathering, the grieving man didn’t want that, and he drove to the Ingll’s house, told him how much he hated him; and then told him about the mob, so he could drive away. Ingalls said, “I will drive away if you will tell me you forgive me.” The grieving man could not bring himself to say it. The mob arrived and hung Ingalls in his front yard.

Norman Vincent Peale, counseled thousands of people over the years. When people told him they could not forgive someone, he told them to pray; even if they hated the person, and ask God to take the hate away. If they can’t pray that, he said to ask God to help you want to want to stop hating him. We must start where we are and if we keep on praying, God will lead us towards love. We may never get there, but we can die trying.

Pray for Me: Bethel is now giving out over 250 launches a week. I will try to get other churches to help us help them by putting Bethel in their 2026 Budgets

ONE WAY TO DO IT

One pastor before he preached on forgiving others asked the congregation, “Is there anyone here who does not have any enemies, or does not have anyone who does not like you?” One guy raised his hand and said he did not. The pastor asked him to tell how he did it and he said he outlived every one of them.”

BITTERNESS HURTS YOU

When we don’t forgive someone, we have smoldering bitterness inside us. For as long as I have been preaching doctors in my churches and my personal doctors have agreed that one half of most hospitalizations do not come from organic disease but from bad emotions.

You know the chemical changes in your body when you get mad. You have trouble speaking; you are tied all over; your adrenaline and blood pressure hit the ceiling, etc.

It creates heart problems. if you say you will pay somebody back *if it’s the last thing you do*, it might be the last thing you do. When my mother was in a mental institution for depression, They gave her a birdhouse to paint.

A person would walk by and say you are doing it wrong .Do it this way. She would do it then another person would walk by and say you’re doing it wrong, do it this way. This went on and on until the patient either ran away crying or exploded with anger, That was therapy- get the anger out and along with it, some depression, **YOU LOSE GOD’S HELP AND BLESSINGS**