

Unforgiveness is Destructive (PD220703 – July 3, 2022)

*(Singing) Surely forgiveness is in this place. Surely Jesus is in this place.*

We were singing this a second ago. We sang surely kindness is in this place and then when we sang surely forgiveness is in this place, the Lord just spoke up in my heart. He said there are some people here, you're dealing with massive unforgiveness. Massive and it's hindering you for entering into the presence of the Lord and from finding any joy in life. And know God has compassion on the things that you've been through. This morning He's saying let go of it. It is poison to you and it's not His will that you hold on to it.

And we know the warnings that if we do not forgive our brothers from our hearts, neither will our Heavenly Father forgive us. We know the warning. But sometimes in the pain, we forget that it's real. And God, in His grace and His mercy this morning, is calling out, so He's saying let it go. Let it go. Let it go. Release it into His hands and off your shoulders. You know you might not get an apology. It doesn't matter. That's not what this is about. You know when we refuse to forgive then we're the one that needs forgiveness in the end. That forgiveness is here for you.

So right now, just as an exercise of faith, if this is speaking to you say "God I release it unto you. I choose to forgive that person. I choose to forgive those people. And Lord, I repent before you for holding on to unforgiveness." Do you know that even if you're not completely there yet, if your heart is to say, "God I want to do things your way, and make me willing to be willing – [say] help me Lord," He will. He will. Yes Lord. I'm asking right now in Jesus name, break down that wall. Jesus, thank you. Yes Lord. That wall of self-preservation is coming down. Jesus. Yes, Lord. Thank you, Holy Spirit. Thank you, Holy Spirit.

We're just going to sing that line and as we do, I want you to receive forgiveness this morning, okay? We're just going to sing that one line. *Surely forgiveness is in this place.* Sing it again. *Surely forgiveness is in this place.*

Just one more thing about that unforgiveness. The Lord's saying it's really just a start right now this morning for you, the ship turning. You've been asking what's been wrong and that's what it is. It's not like suddenly everything is going to be right in this moment. I mean it is, but you have got to keep choosing it, is the point. Every day, don't let offense come back. Keep turning that ship until you're totally free and going in the other direction. Amen.

In addition to everything else that the Lord has said about the forgiveness, He wants me to remind you that forgiveness is not a move of His Spirit on you. Forgiveness is a decision and a choice that you make out of who you are in Christ. There is no such thing as, "I'll forgive when the Lord moves on me to forgive." It does not exist. The capacity to forgive is alive on the inside of you because you are born again. You can forgive, if you want. God has forgiven you. The Lord wants you to keep that in mind and when you choose to forgive, you will.