



Nurturing Faith...
Every Day in Every Way

September 9, 2020

Genesis 50:15-21

Psalm 103:[1-7]8-13

Romans 14:1-12

Matthew 18:21-35



15th Sunday after Pentecost

Hello friends! Have you ever had someone do something or say something to you that was wrong or hurtful? Have YOU ever done or said something to someone wrong or hurtful? I think we've all done that and have had it done to us. It doesn't make our heart very happy, does it? Guess what...it doesn't make God's heart happy either.

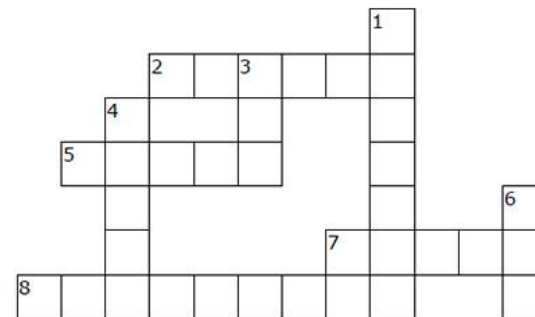
In our Gospel lesson from Matthew, Jesus is with his disciples and his friend, Peter wants to know how many times he has to forgive others. Jesus' reply is "seventy-seven" or "seventy x seven"...in other words...Jesus says EVERY time.

In our church service, every Sunday we say a very familiar prayer called 'The Lord's Prayer'. Part of that prayer (and say it with me if you know it) is: Forgive us our sins (trespasses) as we forgive those who sin (trespass) against us. We ask God for forgiveness and we ask for the strength to forgive those who have hurt us. Because God forgives us, we should also forgive others.

Every time we come to God, God grants us grace and mercy. As followers of Christ, we are to do the very same thing. Sometimes, it's really hard to forgive someone and it may take some time to get over a wrong that has happened to us, but it's something that we can practice with our whole heart....not just with words.

Loving God, help me to practice forgiving others, modeling the grace and mercy of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 2. A statement given in reply to a question
- 5. The number that is equal to six plus one
- 7. The Son of God
- 8. To pardon someone for doing something wrong

DOWN

- 1. A male with the same parents as someone else
- 3. To break God's law
- 4. A fisherman who became one of Jesus' disciples
- 6. To seek an answer to a question

SEVEN	ASK	PETER	JESUS
BROTHER	FORGIVE	ANSWER	SIN

Activity: On a piece of paper, draw or write down everything you have ever done wrong. (this may take a while) Now, take that piece of paper and crumple it up, then tear it into little shreds and throw it away. THIS is what God does when we come to God to ask for forgiveness. Because of Jesus, God takes away our sins.

Discussion Question: How hard is it for you to forgive? What is standing in the way of you forgiving someone that has wronged you? How does that make your heart feel?

Family Table Prayer for September:

Loving God you grant the seasons
 Colors change and leaves fall
 Bless us with all that we need
 So that we can share with one and all.
 Amen.

September Memory Verse: Don't get tired of helping others. You will be rewarded when the time is right, if you don't give up. Galatians 6:9



"Help me to forgive others as you have forgiven me."