

5 Day Devotional
September 13, 2026 AM Sermon
“Being forgiven changes everything Pt. 3”

Day 1: The Covenant That Removes What God Will Not Remember

Reading: Hebrews 10:16-18

Devotional: God's covenant with His children is not fragile or conditional on continued performance. Hebrews 10:16-18 declares that God writes His law on the hearts and minds of believers and then chooses to remember their sins no more. This is not forgetfulness born of weakness. It is a deliberate, sovereign act of grace. Yet many believers wake each morning and rehearse what God has already buried. The guilt you carry today may be real, but it is not current before God. The question worth sitting with is this: if God has chosen not to remember it, why have you chosen not to forget it?

Application: Each morning this week, begin your prayer time by declaring aloud that you are forgiven. Let that truth be the first thing your mind rests on before the weight of the day arrives.

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Day 2: Boldness That Belongs to the Forgiven

Reading: Hebrews 10:19-22

Devotional: The writer of Hebrews does not invite believers to approach God with timidity, apology, or reluctance. He calls them to come with boldness, which the text frames as confidence, grounded entirely in the blood of Jesus. This confidence is not arrogance. It is the settled assurance of a child who knows their Father is home and the door is open. Many believers pray as though they are interrupting God or burdening Him with things too small to matter. But a child does not calculate whether their need is worthy of a parent's attention. They simply come. So should you.

Application: Set aside fifteen minutes today to pray with deliberate confidence. Approach God not as a stranger seeking an audience but as a child walking into a room where they are known, loved, and welcome.

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Day 3: The Danger of Spiritual Hoarding

Reading: Philippians 3:12-14; Psalm 103:10-12

Devotional: Psalm 103:10-12 describes the distance God places between a believer and their transgressions as immeasurable. Philippians 3:12-14 echoes this by calling believers to press forward, forgetting what lies behind. Yet the tendency of the human heart is to hoard. We collect old wounds, rehearse old failures, and store regrets in places we return to again and again. This spiritual hoarding does not make us more responsible or more humble. It makes us less useful, less free, and less present to what God is doing now. The past has been paid for. Living inside it is refusing the gift that was purchased at great cost.

Application: Make a written list of burdens, regrets, or old wounds you have been carrying. Pray over each one specifically, surrendering it by name. Then destroy the list as an act of faith that it no longer belongs to you.

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Day 4: Hurt, Unforgiveness, and the Heart God Wants

Reading: Luke 19:41-44; James 1:19-20

Devotional: Jesus wept over a city that had rejected Him. He did not respond to their rejection with a hardened heart or a sharpened tongue. He responded with grief, because love that is genuine feels the weight of loss. James 1:19-20 reminds us that the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God. Much of what we call righteous indignation is simply hurt that has not been brought before God. A hard heart is never described in Scripture as a virtue. It is always a warning sign. God does not call you to be unfeeling. He calls you to bring your feelings to Him before they calcify into something that separates you from others and from Him.

Application: Spend time in prayer today not asking God to help you forgive but asking Him to show you the full depth of where you have been hurt. Honesty with God about the wound is often the first step toward genuine healing.

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Day 5: Drawing Near to a God Who Is Already Waiting

Reading: Hebrews 10:22-25; James 4:8

Devotional: James 4:8 makes a promise that is also a pattern: draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Hebrews 10:22-25 reinforces this by calling believers to approach with a true heart, in full assurance of faith, holding fast to hope without wavering. The Christian life is not primarily a life of service rendered to a distant God. It is a relationship with a present Father who initiated the connection, sustained the covenant, and stands ready to receive anyone who turns toward Him. You are not bothering God. You are not too broken, too inconsistent, or too far gone. The way has been made. The invitation stands. Draw near.

Application: Establish or recommit to a daily time of Scripture reading and prayer this week. Start small if necessary, but start. Consistency over time builds the kind of relationship where you begin to recognize God's voice and trust His character in the moments when faith is most difficult.