

# **Community Notes**

*Pastor Kevin Key*

*Parables with Purpose*

Title: Heavenly Sandpaper “Why I must learn to forgive.”

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This week was week 1 in the new series “Parables with Purpose”. Pastor Kevin shared with us how to get on the same “wavelength” as God in order to be tuned in and hear His voice.

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1. What stood out to you the most in this weekend’s message? Why was this so impactful to you?
2. Mathew 18:21-35 Peter had asked Jesus how many times he should forgive his brother when he sins against him, and Jesus replied not with what Peter was expecting, as Peter gave a couple extra times for forgiveness. But Jesus said “not seven times but seventy-seven times.” That’s a lot of forgiving, and when the person continually sins against you it seems like it gets harder to forgive, but as Kevin had mentioned there is no limit on how many times you forgive.
  - A Is there someone in your life you’re struggling to forgive? What’s making it hard?
3. Kevin gave three reasons why a person must forgive.
  - A. Because God forgave me; Ephesians 4:32 “Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as Christ, God forgave you. How many times have we sinned and been forgiven? Can you think of a time where you were forgiven and how it made you feel that “There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.”
  - B. Because resentment makes me miserable; “Job 21:23 “Some men stay happy until the day they die.....others have no happiness at all; they live and die with bitter hearts.”

- Do you ever feel this way, and what can you do about it, so you're not miserable?

C. Because I'll need forgiveness in the future. "Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.", "This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brothers from your heart." Mathew 18:35 This may sound cruel as we try and justify in our hearts why we can't forgive; to much has been done or said, but then you have to ask the hard question what things have you done or said that God forgave you. It puts things in perspective from Gods point of view, and although a harsh rebuke it is Gods justice.

**4. The last thing Kevin talked about is the blame, bitterness and behavior test.**

- A. The blame test; blame everyone else but themselves; I had to think about this one personally and think back with a certain person. Even though I feel like I was the victim, did I cause them hurt? The Holy Spirit had shown me that I was not always perfect and I had done things that I never said I was sorry for. Have you done the blame test and what were your results?
- B. The bitterness test; Are you keeping score?
- C. The behavior test; How are you behaving are you pointing out faults or lifting people up?

**5. Lastly Kevin had said you have two options for dealing with your hurts; rehearse or release; which one are you doing?**

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1. Based on how the Spirit has spoken to you this week, what is one action step you want to take this week to align yourself more fully with Scripture?
  2. How has your time with God, in the Word, and in prayer been this past week?
  3. What personal spiritual struggle(s), are you facing and how will you actively surrender them to God this week? (Marriage, parenting, work, finances, relationships, personal strongholds/sin, etc.)
  4. What else can we be praying with you about this week?
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## Announcements

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