

Switch it Up (Week 3)

Jenni Ross – 12 July 2020

Discussion and Questions:

1. Jenni's message was titled "Once upon a time". Most fairy tales end with "and they all lived happily ever after". What's your favourite fairy tale from when you were young and why?
2. Jenni told a story about her son cutting off his friend's pig tail when they were young. The Mum of the friend chose to say "it doesn't matter" and forgive Jenni & her son in this situation. Have you ever had an awkward situation like this where you needed to forgive or ask for forgiveness?
3. Read Matthew 18:21-22. How many times does Jesus ask us to forgive? Do we only need to forgive exactly this many times? Why or why not?
4. There are some really tough offenses that can happen to us in life e.g. unfaithfulness, gambling, abuse etc. Do you think we need to forgive those things? How do you forgive someone that has destroyed you?
5. Jenni showed us a video of a woman who chose to forgive. She chose to knit a blanket for her ex-husband's unborn child to another woman. Forgiveness is actions and choices. Think of some actions you can take, so God can soften your heart to forgive in situations that are really hard?
6. Kristen from the video, said "*we can confuse forgiveness with condoning, excusing or lack of boundaries. Sometimes the relationship can't be saved, but we can still choose to forgive*". Forgiveness is a process that we have to work through. Read Colossians 3:13. Maybe there's a forgiveness process that you have given up on? Reflect on this now and how you can continue to choose forgiveness and moving on. Share if you feel able.

Would be great to finish with a time of prayer for each other, as this topic can bring up pain for many.