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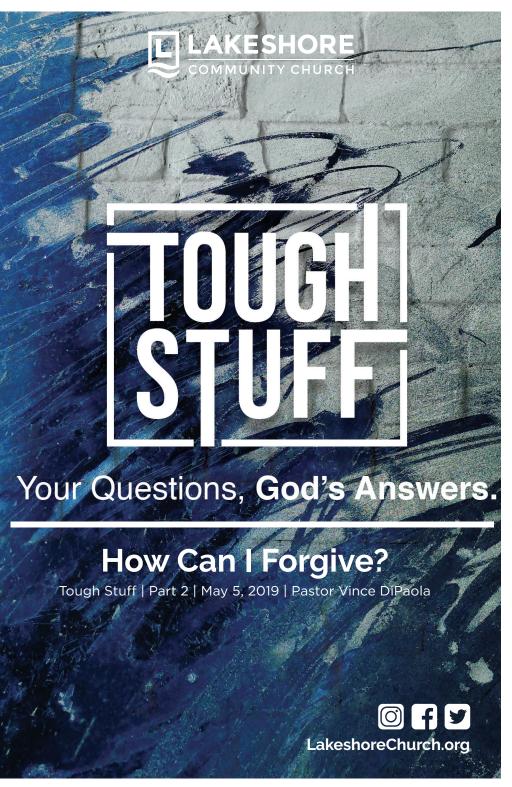
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BUDGET AMT. ACTUAL INCOME NET DIFFERENCE

GENERAL \$ 415,519 \$ 373,917 -\$ 41,602

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How Can I Forgive?

Tough Stuff | Part 2 | May 5, 2019 | Pastor Vince DiPaola

Answering Six Big Questions About Forgiveness

1. FORGIVE WHO? THE OFFENDING PERSON.

When they came to the place called 'The Skull,' they nailed Jesus to a cross there, and the two criminals, one on his right and one on his left. <u>Jesus</u> said, 'Forgive them, Father! They don't know what they are doing.'

Luke 23:33-34a, TEV

Forgiveness is not the same as **APPROVAL**.

2. FORGIVE WHAT? THE NEED FOR REVENGE.

"You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I tell you, <u>Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you</u>, that you may be sons of your father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the just and unjust, and sends rain on the righteous and unrighteous. <u>If you love those who love you</u>, what reward will you get?"

Matt. 5:43-46a, NIV

...[Love] does not hold grudges...

1 Corinthians 13:5d. LB

Don't forgive and forget, but forgive and **RELEASE**.

3. FORGIVE WHERE? AT EVERY OPPORTUNITY.

"Settle matters quickly with your adversary who is taking you to court. <u>Do it while you are still with him on the way</u>, or he may hand you over to the judge, and the judge may hand you over to the officer, and you may be thrown into prison."

Matthew 5:25, NIV

Unforgiveness will put us, not them, in **PRISON**.

4. FORGIVE WHEN? <u>ALWAYS</u>, <u>ALL THE TIME</u>.

Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, 'Lord, how many times can my brother sin against me and I have to forgive him? Seven times?' 'No. not seven times,' answered Jesus, 'but seventy times seven.'

Matthew 18:21-22, TEV

"...forgive your brother from your heart."

Matthew 18:35b, NIV

True forgiveness is always **UNCONDITIONAL**.

5. FORGIVE WHY? BECAUSE GOD FORGIVES.

"This woman, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing my feet... Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven—for she loved much. But he who loves little has been forgiven little."

Luke 7:45b, 47, NIV

Forgiveness reveals your **APPRECIATION OF GOD**.

6. FORGIVE HOW? IN GOD'S STRENGTH.

Get rid of all bitterness...Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

Ephesians 4:31-32, NIV

True forgiveness is only possible in **JESUS CHRIST**.

You are forgiving and good, O Lord, abounding in love to all who call to You.

Psalm 86:5, NIV