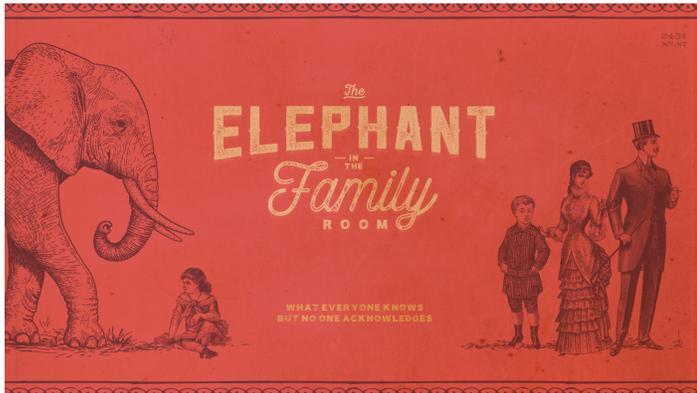


## TAKE HOME SHEET



**Series:** The Elephant in the Family Room  
**Message:** Ditch the Ledger  
**Speaker:** Rusty Coram  
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Let's be honest, keeping score of other people messing up is something we are all tempted to do. The longer we know people, the more data we gather. As they disappoint or hurt us, we feel justified in making sure we have a record of the wrongs. So here is a question to consider, what if God treated us this same way? What if He kept a detailed account of our faults, failures and mess-ups? The good news is He offers us grace and forgiveness through His son Jesus. When we humbly accept Him, we are forgiven and clean. Once we accept Christ, God expects us to begin showing others the same kindness and grace we have received. This doesn't mean we are blind to faults, hurts, pain and sorrow caused by others. It means that we will learn to treat them as we have been treated by God. He doesn't ignore our sin. In fact, He clearly calls us out on it. But He also keeps the door open for us to turn and repent.

The following verses show us the heart of God and the example He wants us to follow:

*<sup>6</sup> When we were utterly helpless, Christ came at just the right time and died for us sinners. <sup>7</sup> Now, most people would not be willing to die for an upright person, though someone might perhaps be willing to die for a person who is especially good. <sup>8</sup> But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.*

Romans 5:6-8 (NLT)

*<sup>16</sup> For God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup> God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him.*

John 3:16-17 (NLT)

*<sup>3</sup> Once we, too, were foolish and disobedient. We were misled and became slaves to many lusts and pleasures. Our lives were full of evil and envy, and we hated each other. <sup>4</sup> But when God our Savior revealed his kindness and love, <sup>5</sup> he saved us, not because of the righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He washed away our sins, giving us a new birth and new life through the Holy Spirit.*

Titus 3:3-5 (NLT)

*So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus.*

Romans 8:1 (NLT)

*<sup>10</sup> He does not punish us for all our sins; he does not deal harshly with us, as we deserve. <sup>11</sup> For his unfailing love toward those who fear him is as great as the height of the heavens above the earth. <sup>12</sup> He has removed our sins as far from us as the east is from the west.*

Psalms 103:10-12 (NLT)

*<sup>1</sup> Imitate God, therefore, in everything you do, because you are his dear children. <sup>2</sup> Live a life filled with love, following the example of Christ. He loved us and offered himself as a sacrifice for us, a pleasing aroma to God.*

Ephesians 5:1-2 (NLT)

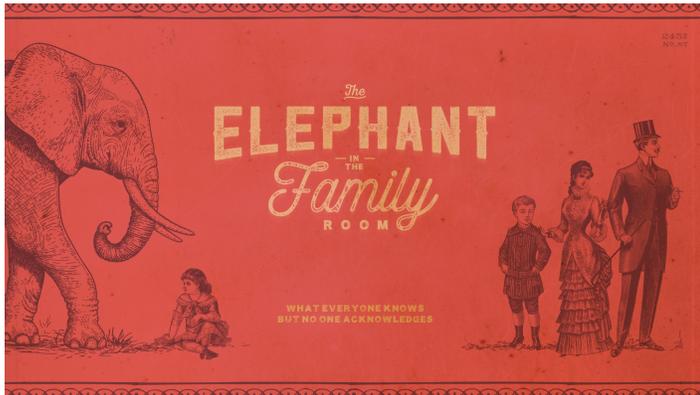
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### BIBLE TRANSLATIONS:

NIV – New International Version

NLT – New Living Translation

## MESSAGE NOTES



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*<sup>4</sup> Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud <sup>5</sup> or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged.*

1 Corinthians 13:4-5 (NLT)

*Sensible people control their temper; they earn respect by overlooking wrongs.*

Proverbs 19:11 (NLT)

### Four things to help you ditch your ledger:

#### 1. Decide you will treat others the way you want to be treated.

*Do to others whatever you would like them to do to you. This is the essence of all that is taught in the law and the prophets.*

Matthew 7:12 (NLT)

*Here is a simple, rule-of-thumb guide for behavior: Ask yourself what you want people to do for you, then grab the initiative and do it for them.*

Matthew 7:12 (Message)

#### 2. Model your attitude after God: He is always ready to help but He will not support foolishness, sinfulness or selfishness.

*<sup>31</sup> Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. <sup>32</sup> Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.*

Ephesians 4:31-32 (NIV)

#### 3. Deal with problems early rather than later.

*<sup>26</sup> And "don't sin by letting anger control you." Don't let the sun go down while you are still angry, <sup>27</sup> for anger gives a foothold to the devil.*

Ephesians 4:26-27 (NLT)

*Look after each other so that none of you fails to receive the grace of God. Watch out that no poisonous root of bitterness grows up to trouble you, corrupting many.*

Hebrews 12:15 (NLT)

**Remember: attack the problem and not the person.**

**Bonus: "The one who knows, goes."**

#### 4. Learn to forgive.

*But the Lord our God is merciful and forgiving, even though we have rebelled against him.*

Daniel 9:9 (NLT)

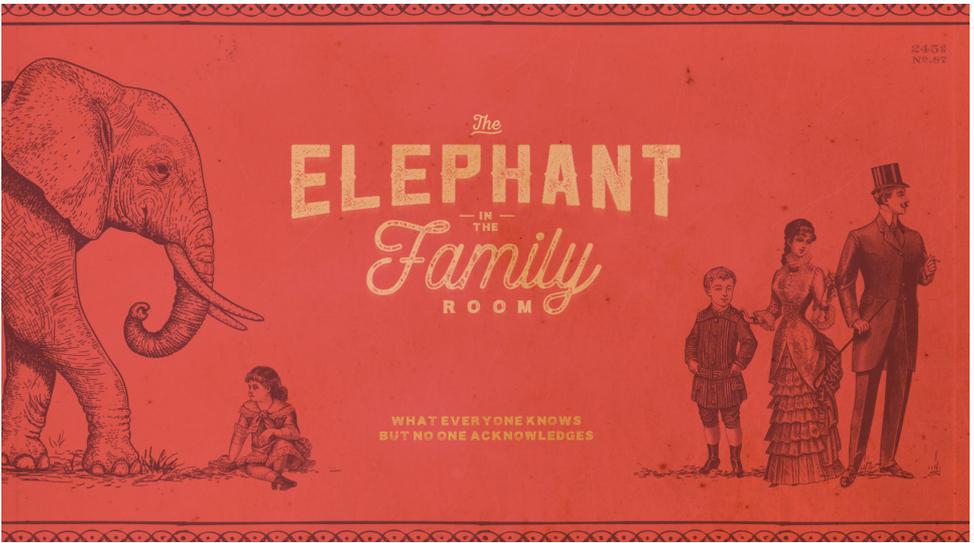
*<sup>12</sup> ...and forgive us our sins, as we have forgiven those who sin against us. <sup>13</sup> And don't let us yield to temptation, but rescue us from the evil one.*

Matthew 6:12-13 (NLT)

*Do not judge others, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn others, or it will all come back against you. Forgive others, and you will be forgiven.*

Luke 6:37 (NLT)

**Remember: forgiveness isn't the same as trust.**



Every family's got em. Those things that everyone knows about, but no one talks about. We all have a family issue (or two...or seven) that tends to make a mess of things. It's like there's this giant elephant in the family room that nobody wants to acknowledge. Is this just the way things are or is there something better? ***This week: Ditch the Ledger***

**FIRST TIME GUESTS** We promise we're not going to make you stand up in front of everyone or track you down, but we'd love to know you were here today! Simply fill out your communication card in the seat back in front of you and check the "First Time Guest" box. On your way out, stop by Guest Services at the front doors and get your FREE welcome gift. **We're glad you are here!**

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## A lot is happening in the month of June in Kids' Time. Here are some details you need to know:

JUNE  
8/9

- **Rising Kindergarten Preview:** After any service, rising Kindergarteners are invited to come up to Remix and explore all of the summer zones we have to offer.
- **Remix/Rev Zone Party:** Our Remix and Revolution kids (K-5th grade) are having a party during the service to introduce Summer Zones.

JUNE  
15/16

- **Promotion Weekend:**
  - Elementary kids move up to the grade they will attend in the fall.
  - Babies, toddlers, and preschoolers move up on their birthdays throughout the year.
  - Preschoolers attending Kindergarten in the fall will move up to Remix.
  - We will keep our rising 6th graders in Kids' Time until the weekend of June 29/30 when Takeover begins their summer programs.
- Our elementary kids start their summer programs. K-6th grade will meet in the large group room for zones Move, Create, Experiment, and Explore (in place of small groups, our kids choose which zone they want to participate in until the lesson begins).

JUNE  
30

- Rising 6th graders no longer go to Kids' Time on Saturday nights or Sunday mornings. They begin attending Route 56 on Sunday evenings at 6 pm. Route 56 is a small group that meets every Sunday night during the summer to help kids transition into the youth program, Takeover.



# What's Coming up in Kids' Time?

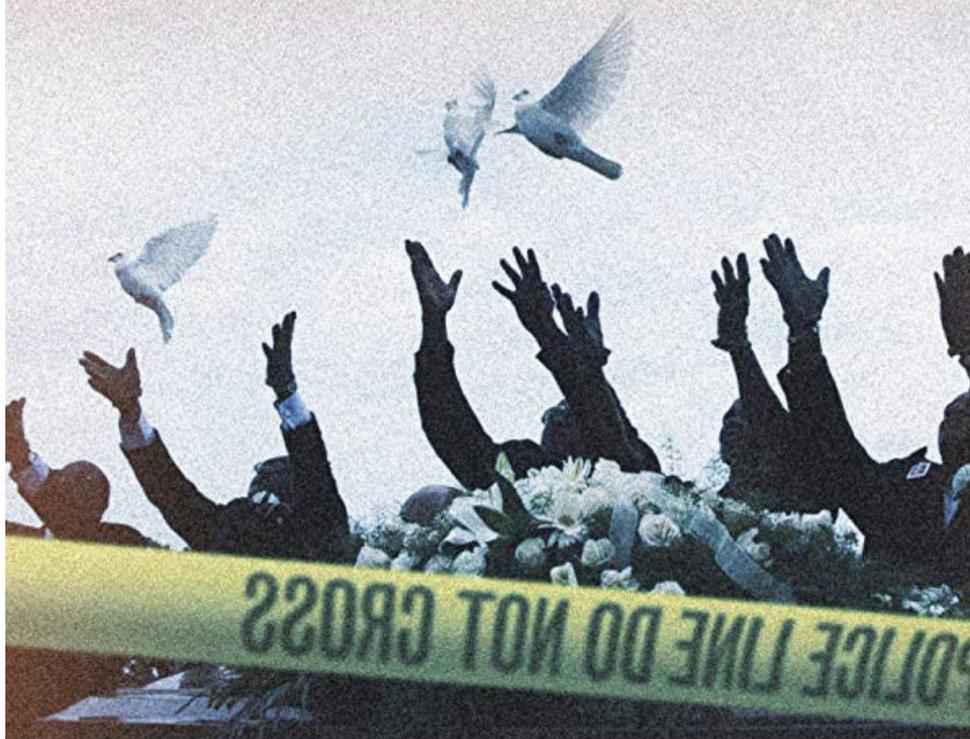
# EMANUEL

THE UNTOLD STORY OF THE VICTIMS AND  
SURVIVORS OF THE CHARLESTON CHURCH SHOOTING

National headlines blazed the story: Churchgoers Gunned Down During Prayer Service in Charleston, South Carolina. After a 21-year-old white supremacist opened fire in Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church, nine African Americans lay dead, leaving their families and the nation to grapple with this senseless act of terror.

Featuring intimate interviews with survivors and family members, EMANUEL—from executive producers Stephen Curry and Viola Davis—is a poignant story of justice and faith, love and hate, examining the healing power of forgiveness. Marking the fourth anniversary, EMANUEL will be in movie theaters across the country for two nights only: June 17 and 19.

JOIN WITH ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH, NEW HOPE CHURCH AND TRURO ANGLICAN CHURCH FOR AN ADVANCE SCREENING OF EMANUEL ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12 AT 7 PM AT ONE OF TWO THEATERS IN FAIRFAX. VISIT [EMANUELPREVIEW.COM](http://EMANUELPREVIEW.COM) TO GET YOUR TICKETS.



# We ♥ Our Volunteers

We love our volunteers and we take pleasure in highlighting one each week. This week, we'd like to recognize **Kevin Markle**. Chances are you have come in contact with Kevin's friendly smile and warm greeting no matter what service you attend. Kevin is regularly a front door greeter on Saturday nights welcoming each guest as they enter our doors, and he often fills in as a shuttle driver during our Sunday services. **Thank you, Kevin, for all you do for New Hope.** We appreciate you! If you are interested in serving, New Hope needs you! Please send an email to [carolann.gregoire@newhope.org](mailto:carolann.gregoire@newhope.org) and she will help find a place that's just right for you.



## NEW COUPLES SMALL GROUP FOR PARENTS WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

Raising kids is challenging. Don't do it alone! Join with other parents in the same stage of life to learn, laugh and grow together. This group will focus

on families with young children (and early bedtimes) or families with teens who want to volunteer/be paid to help with childcare. The group will be led by Kim and Aaron Stowell and will meet in their home in the Woodbridge/Lake Ridge area. Kids are welcome and childcare will be provided by or shared with the group. When the weather is nice, there is a fenced-in backyard and playground. Group time will begin with a family dinner (family friendly pizza, potluck, Chick-fil-A, etc.). We will meet at 5:30 pm on Tuesday or Thursday (depending on the most interest), and the targeted start date is June 18th. Contact Kim today at: [red\\_pineapple@yahoo.com](mailto:red_pineapple@yahoo.com) for questions or details.

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