

TAKE HOME SHEET



I'M GLAD YOU
SAID THAT

Series: I'm Glad You Said That
Message: I Was Wrong,
Please Forgive Me.
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Think about a time when someone said something to you, and it has impacted you ever since. It could be something good or something harmful.

How has it impacted your life? How has it impacted your relationship with that person or others?

If, all of a sudden, our nation abided by Ephesians 4:29, *Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for edification according to the need of the moment, so that it will give grace to those who hear.*, how might life be different? (Think about social media posts, news, political campaigns, family conversations, workplace talk etc.)

One of New Hope's Heart Attitudes is "Do Reconcile." Why is this essential to building a healthy church community?

What happens when this is ignored?

What would happen if, starting now, our whole church began living according to Jesus' command in Matthew 5:23-24?

Is there a relationship in my life where I need to admit my wrong and ask forgiveness?

Is there a relationship in my life where I need to offer forgiveness?

Get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words, and slander, as well as all types of evil behavior. ³² Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you.

Ephesians 4:31-32 (NLT)

BIBLE TRANSLATIONS:

GNB – Good News Bible

MSG – The Message

NASB – New American Standard

NLT – New Living Translation

MESSAGE NOTES



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Our words can have great impact – both positive and negative.

There is one who speaks rashly like the thrusts of a sword, but the tongue of the wise brings healing.

Proverbs 12:18 (NASB)

Thoughtless words can wound as deeply as any sword, but wisely spoken words can heal.

Proverbs 12:18 (GNB)

Sometimes our words are thoughtless, and other times very deliberate and designed to deflect, control, or harm.

¹² For the word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires. ¹³ Nothing in all creation is hidden from God. Everything is naked and exposed before his eyes, and he is the one to whom we are accountable.

Hebrews 4:12–13 (NLT)

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Ephesians 4:29 (NASB)

In this series, we will look at six statements, 21 words that can transform our relationships when used well.

Jesus elevates our personal responsibility in relationships to the highest level.

²³ So if you are presenting a sacrifice at the altar in the Temple and you suddenly remember that someone has something against you, ²⁴ leave your sacrifice there at the altar. Go and be reconciled to that person. Then come and offer your sacrifice to God.

Matthew 5:23–24 (NLT)

This is how I want you to conduct yourself in these matters. If you enter your place of worship and, about to make an offering, you suddenly remember a grudge a friend has against you, abandon your offering, leave immediately, go to this friend and make things right. Then and only then, come back and work things out with God.

Matthew 5:23–24 (MSG)

Statement #1:

“I was wrong, please forgive me.”