

# "LET IT GO"

"Forgiveness is God's greatest **gift** because it meets our greatest **need**." – David Platt

**Romans 12:14-21** – Bless those who persecute you. Don't curse them; pray that God will bless them. Be happy with those who are happy, and weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with each other. Don't be too proud to enjoy the company of ordinary people. And don't think you know it all! Never pay back evil with more evil. Do things in such a way that everyone can see you are honorable. Do all that you can to live in peace with everyone. Dear friends, never take revenge. Leave that to the righteous anger of God. For the Scriptures say, "I will take revenge; I will pay them back," says the LORD. Instead, "If your enemies are hungry, feed them. If they are thirsty, give them something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals of shame on their heads." Don't let evil conquer you, but conquer evil by doing good.

1. Forgiveness requires that I **increase my faith**.

- **Luke 17:4-5** – "Even if that person wrongs you seven times a day and each time turns again and asks forgiveness, you must forgive." The apostles said to the Lord, "Show us how to increase our faith."

2. Forgiveness requires that I **look inside first**.

- **Matthew 7:3-4** – "And why worry about a speck in your friend's eye when you have a log in your own? How can you think of saying to your friend, 'Let me help you get rid of that speck in your eye,' when you can't see past the log in your own eye?"

3. Forgiveness requires that I **give what I have received**.

- **Colossians 3:13** – Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others.

4. Forgiveness requires that I **choose healing and freedom**.

## “UNCOMMON LOVE”

- **Matthew 6:14-15** – “If you forgive those who sin against you, your heavenly Father will forgive you. But if you refuse to forgive others, your Father will not forgive your sins.”
5. Forgiveness requires that I **surrender control**.
- **Proverbs 20:22** – Don’t say, “I will get even for this wrong.” Wait for the LORD to handle the matter.

### Coming Soon:

1. **Firefighter Breakfast:** It’s a joy to serve those who put their lives on the line for us every day. Stop by the Connect Center to sign up today to help us serve our firefighters on February 20<sup>th</sup>.
2. **Connect Class:** If you are interested in becoming a member of Dan River Church (or finding out more about it), join us February 25<sup>th</sup> for our next Connect Class. Sign up today at the Connect Center.
3. **DNow 2024:** One of the most exciting weekends of the year is just around the corner for our 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students: March 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>. The theme is Kingdom Life. For more details and to sign up,