

# The Life Challenge

*"I came that they may have life and have it abundantly." John 10:10*

**Series: Following Hard After Jesus**

**Title: Forgiveness: The Jesus Way**

**Text: Colossians 2:8-15**

**Speaker: Matt Ewert**

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## WARM-UP

Share one personal "take away" from this past weekend's worship service.

## DISCUSSION

**Have you ever experienced a season of not being forgiven after having hurt someone?**

- Describe what that experience was like?
- What steps did you take to try to work through that situation?

**Have you ever withheld true forgiveness from someone?**

- What was it that kept you from taking that step?

**"Paul sets out the total adequacy of the work of Christ. Sin is forgiven and evil is conquered; what more is necessary? Christ has done it all already." —William Barclay**

**Read Colossians 2:8-15**

- Share one or two thoughts that most stand out to you from this text.

**"When we forgive someone, we take responsibility for the effect of their wrongdoing and its consequences, even though the responsibility really belongs to them. We refuse to let it have the effect that it logically should have." —John Goldingay**

- In what way does this quote describe the kind of forgiveness Jesus offers us?
- Give examples of what it would look like to offer this kind of forgiveness to others. In what practical ways can we choose to carry the wrongdoing of someone who has hurt us, in order to ensure that person doesn't have to carry it?

**Reflect on Pastor Matt's challenge at the end of this weeks' teaching.**

- Did God prompt you to extend forgiveness to someone?
- Did God prompt you to do something to give freedom to a person who has in some way been living "indebted" to you for a wrong they had done?
- As much as you are able, describe the response you believe God was/is calling you to.

*(Life Group Leaders: We would love to have feedback in regards to any questions your group has from this, or any future Life Group discussion. While we may not be able to engage in every question, we are looking to create a forum by which to carry on the conversation and engage with feedback and questions as we are able. Please use the form at <https://www.southabbotsford.com/Messages> to interact in this way.)*