

SERIES: *Joshua*
TITLE: *More Than Enough*
SPEAKER: *Pastor Scott Moon*
PASSAGE: *Ephesians 4:32*
DATES: *September 3-4, 2022*

MESSAGE TAKEAWAY

- Jesus' forgiveness is: relationship-focus
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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Pastor Scott opened with a story from his childhood when he remembers saying, "I'm sorry" and "I forgive you" to his sister, and really meaning it. What is your earliest and strongest memory of saying either or both of those simple, but often difficult words? Did you really mean it at the time?
 - The relationship between the twin brothers of Jacob and Esau in Genesis was very tumultuous, to say the least. But after 20 years of not speaking, Esau surprised Jacob with forgiveness and reconciliation. Have you had a broken relationship that has been reconciled? If so, please share what that was like with the group.
 - In Ephesians 4:32 we are commanded to imitate Christ in forgiving others just as He forgives us. Pastor Scott outlined these five aspects of Jesus' forgiveness: it is loving, gracious, sacrificial, complete and relationship-focused. Which is the one that means the most to you in how Jesus forgives you? Which is the hardest to do towards others?
 - Louis Smedes said, "To forgive is to set a prisoner free, and discover that prisoner was you." If you have experienced a deep hurt (maybe that has caused trauma) from someone else, how can the hard work of forgiveness lead to a more abundant life for yourself?
 - Why is it important to forgive yourself, too?
 - How does our anger and unforgiveness "give the devil a foothold?" (see Ephesians 4:26-27.)
 - If healing doesn't begin until we forgive, where do you think you are along the continuum between never going to forgive and frequently forgiving?
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NEXT STEPS

- PRAY often for you and for them.