



FORGIVING OTHERS

RAY GURNEY, PASTOR

A girl murdered on the train, Charlie Kirk, murdered in front of thousands, the CEO of a healthcare firm, Brian Thompson, murdered, shot in the back right on a New York City Street by Luigi Mangione, school kids gunned down in their classroom and churches are targeted by these deranged people who shoot to kill. Why? They are sick and their minds have been tricked into thinking they are serving Americans by murdering.

I listened to panel of people who studied these transgender people (there are millions of them), and they tell us that University kids have been designed and programed to be fighting Soldiers. Now we may understand why they have fought so hard to turn children into transgenders. These are tough times in which we find ourselves. Whatever is good is considered bad, and the bad they do is considered good. If they kill people who are against communism, they have done good. We are engaged in spiritual warfare in our flesh. Be ready.

However, I'm struggling with forgiving killers and murderers. I first think of Jesus, a man without sin, was beaten, thorns stuck in head, flesh ripped and hanging from his body and he said; Father, forgive them, they don't know what they are doing." Steven, was stoned to death yet he said the same thing as Jesus. Forgive them! I must have a long way to go because I don't think like that.

Forgiving others; Love does not take into account a wrong suffered" (1 Cor. 13:5). If you love someone, you won't keep a record of their offenses. It is reported that when the Moravian missionaries first went to the Eskimos, they couldn't find a word in their language for forgiveness. So, they had to incorporate a series of shorter words into one compound word which read: Issumagijoujungnainermik. kind of like,

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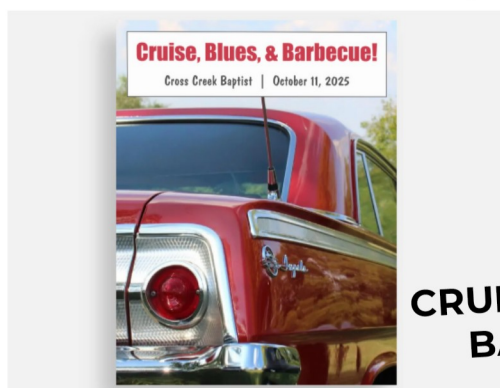
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Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious (also a made-up word.) Although the word appears formidable, its meaning is beautiful, it is translated: "Not-being-able-to-think-about-it-anymore." That's amazing. Love never keeps a record of wrongs committed against it. That's what Paul had in mind when he said that love "does not take into account a wrong suffered". The Greek word "take into account" was used of the entries in a bookkeeper's ledger. Those entries helped the bookkeeper remember each financial transaction. However, love never keeps a record or holds others accountable for the wrongs they've committed. The greatest example of that kind of love is God Himself. "Blessed is the man whose sin the Lord will not take into account." And 2 Corinthians 5:19 adds, "God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them." Every sin we commit as believers is an offense against God, but He never charges them to our account. We are in Christ, who bore our penalty on the cross. When we sin, we are immediately forgiven. If you love others, you'll forgive them as God has forgiven you. Oh boy!

Pastor Ray



CRUISE, BLUES, & BARBECUE!

Saturday, October 11, 2025 is our **13th** annual **Cruise, Blues, & Barbecue** event, 1:00-5:00 PM. If you have a classic, antique, hot rod, car, truck, or motorcycle you'd like to exhibit, join our car show and enjoy free food, Kid's Zone, and music, share your stories about your rides with the crowd. Bring your family and friends to this great event! WHAT'S YOUR CRUISE?



LADIES DAY OUT

We are having another Ladies Day Trip **Oct. 21st 10:00 am**. We will be going on a Fall Journey. Applies, pumpkins, pecans, mums, these are just some of the goodies we'll find along the way. If you would like to attend please sign up on the sheet on our signup table. We will stop at Tuscono's in Buckner for lunch. Hope you can come!

Vickie

Every Thought Captive: How Renewing Your Mind Can Change Your Life

Kyle Idleman

Are your thoughts leading you toward transformation or conformity? Are they building you up or tearing you down? Are they drawing you closer to God or pulling you away? In *Every Thought Captive*, you will explore a topic crucial for your spiritual growth: the battle for your mind. In Romans 12:2, we read these words: "Do not be conformed to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind." God made your brain. He will transform your life as you learn to take every thought captive and submit it to the truth of his Word. Wednesday night at 7:00 PM.

HOW JESUS RESPONDED IN TRIALS

He drew strength from Scripture.

In the wilderness, after 40 days of fasting, Satan tempted Jesus to give in to weakness. Jesus responded by standing firm on God's Word. (Matthew 4:1-11) He shows us that God's truth gives us strength when we feel weak or tempted.

He grieved.

At the tomb of His friend Lazarus, *"Jesus wept."* (John 11:35) His response to loss was not to bypass His emotions but to let His heart break with grief. Jesus shows us that it's important to leave space to feel and process our grief.

He gave thanks.

Before raising Lazarus, Jesus prayed: *"Father, I thank you that you have heard me."* (John 11:41) Even before the miracle, in the tension of grief and hope, Jesus' response was gratitude to God. Jesus shows us that gratitude anchors our hearts in God's faithfulness, even before we see answers to prayer.

He prayed honestly.

In Gethsemane Jesus confessed: *"My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death."* (Mark 14:34) Jesus shows us we don't have to limit our prayers to what sounds right. God welcomes our honesty.

He leaned on trusted friends.

In His hardest hour, Jesus' response was to invite close and safe friends to stay near and pray with Him (Mark 14:33). Jesus shows us it's good and right to invite trusted friends into our hardest moments.



He lamented.

Jesus' response to His extreme suffering on the cross was to cry out to God with the Psalmist's words of lament (Matthew 27:46). He turned His pain into prayer. Jesus shows us that lament is not a lack of faith but a way of bringing deep pain into God's presence.

He blessed others.

Even while being crucified, Jesus prayed for His executioners (Luke 23:34), cared for His mother (John 19:26-27), and gave hope to the thief beside Him (Luke 23:43). Jesus shows us that trials don't have to harden our hearts. We can respond with love, mercy, empathy, and forgiveness.

He entrusted himself to God.

In Gethsemane, Jesus cried out three times, *"Not my will, but Yours be done."* (Matthew 26:39-44) And with His final breath on the cross, He said: *"Father, into your hands I commit my spirit."* (Luke 23:46) Jesus shows us that the truest response to suffering is surrender, placing our lives in God's hands.

**Jesus' example shows us a better way:
honest prayer, faithful trust in God, and
love that overflows.**

Let's learn from Jesus!



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"May the Lord of peace Himself give you peace
at all times and in every way.
2 Thessalonians 3:16 (NIV)



MEN'S BREAKFAST, Saturday, October 18 at 8 AM -PERKINS in Independence. Please invite your neighbor or a friend to join us. It's a good time to fellowship with other men in our community.



\$6.00 per person (ages 7 - adult)
\$3.00 per person (ages 6 & under)

Oct. 1, Chili & Hot Dogs, corn bread, chips, cheese, crackers, salad & dessert

Oct. 8, Hamburger & Hot Dogs, chips Bob's beans, salad & dessert

Oct. 15, Fried Chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, coleslaw, biscuit & dessert

Oct. 22, Beef Roast, mashed potatoes, gravy, carrots, cottage cheese, salad & dessert

Oct. 29, Pork Enchilada Soup & Chicken Gnocchi Soup, corn bread, chips, salad, & dessert