Sunday Morning | June 25, 2017



HEALING OUR PAST

EXODUS 34:7 (NLT)

TRUTH: The sin of our family affects us, but our family sin doesn't have to be repeated.

I. BIBLICAL FORGIVENESS

INSIGHT: The pathway to biblical forgiveness is often blocked by a sense of moral outrage.

INSIGHT: We all think forgiveness is a good thing till we have someone to forgive.

TRUTH: Till there is forgiveness, there's no moving on, no freedom from the baggage of our past.

TRUTH: Forgiveness is the critical first step to liberty from past hurts.

II. PATHWAY TO FORGIVENESS

- 1. See them as through God's eyes (John 4:20 Msg).
- 2. Leave the past (Proverbs 19:11).

INSIGHT: Usually those who hurt us were hurt people acting more out of their scar than malicious intent.

3. Reopen the relationship (Luke 17:3 Msg).

INSIGHT: The call to forgive doesn't preclude boundaries.

INVITATION: Knots to tie in the forgiveness rope so we hold on and walk in "forgiveness":

- 1. Forgiveness completes in celebration (1 Corinthians 13:5).
- 2. Forgiveness doesn't mean amnesia.
- 3. Forgiveness is an act of the will before an emotional feeling.