

Keeping it Real by Going Deeper!

(GBC Sunday June 28th 2020 - Ps Tony R)

The Passage & The Message: Matthew 6: verse 12, 14 & 15. (pt2)

Getting Started:

Over a number of weeks, we have been paying attention to the way Jesus taught his disciples (followers) to pray as recorded in Mathew chapter 6: 9-13. In last Sunday's message, we looked at Jesus' words where he taught his followers the importance of praying:

¹² ***and forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.***

¹³ (And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil). [End of prayer but not end of Jesus' explanation of why to pray this way],

¹⁴ ***For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, ¹⁵ but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.***

We also read Psalm 32, which was Saint Augustine's favorite psalm, which he had inscribed on the wall next to his bed before he died in order to meditate on it better. He liked this psalm above all others because he said it affirmed that, "that beginning of knowledge is to know oneself to be a sinner". I wonder if you decided to write on your bedroom wall a passage of scripture if it would be one like this?

Open in Prayer:

Asking God to show you your true self this day and for God to show himself again through His Word.

Going Deeper:

Sundays message was built around three main points as they related to Jesus words, these were:

1)The point of what Jesus is saying; (2) The practice of what Jesus is saying; and (3) The power of what Jesus is saying (vs 14-15).

Q 1. What **Stood** Out to you most?

What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's passage and message did you find to be most eye-opening or helpful?

Q 2. What **Puzzled** you?

Did anything in these verses or message puzzle you, trouble you or cause you to ask questions about anything that you hadn't necessarily thought about much before?

Q 3. What did you **Learn** about God and His people?

What did you learn from these words of Jesus about:

- God's Kingdom on Earth
- Your Sin and Other's Sin
- Prayer

Q 4. How might these words and message **Apply**?

The fact that Jesus returns to this topic again in verses 14&15 to give further explanation only highlights its importance for the Christian and therefore the struggle we find in carrying out these words of Jesus.

Forgiving others is not always an easy thing for us to do, in fact without God's grace and gospel to inform and empower us it is virtually impossible.

Discuss what it is about the grace of God and the gospel of God that does enable Jesus' followers to forgive those that have sinned against them, even if that be 70 x 7 (See Matthew 18:21,22).

Q 5. What will you **Talk** to God or others about?

Jesus has been teaching his disciples to pray. In doing this, Jesus is also teaching his disciples how to think about God as well as truths his disciples can tell others about God.

a. So what things are we taught about God within these verses **that we can tell others** (Particularly in 6:14-15) be they church-ed or un- church-ed, converted or un-converted. List them below:

b. So what will you now **talk to God** about this verse and message?

Do you need to ask forgiveness from God for sinful attitudes that you have held towards others that you have refused to let go off?

Are there things you have not done to seek peace and reconciliation with others that God is calling you to do?

These are often very personal issues and things that God is working on in one's life. So take some time to search your heart, ask for God's forgiveness, ask for God's wisdom and ask for God's enabling to live like a disciple of Jesus and then step out and take a hold of the hand of those who have sinned against you. (As did our sister in Christ – Corrie Ten Boon and more importantly as did our Lord Jesus Christ to you).

Grace and Peace to you as we 'Keep it Real by Going Deeper' by taking both God's and our concerns to Him through prayer.