

LOVE



LOVE: Unoffended February 27, 2022

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Scripture: Matthew 6:9-13

Sermon Overview

We need a REVIVAL of LOVE, and it starts with giving God our full attention, our full affection. It's falling in love with God all over again. During this series, we'll explore four dimensions of love — Love Unconquered, Love Regardless, Love Undistracted, and Love Unoffended.

Sermon Series Questions:

1. Take inventory of your love relationship with the Lord. Does it need a revival?
What is distracting you from giving your full attention and affection to God?
2. What are the practices you are using to rekindle or sustain a REVIVAL of LOVE in your relationship with God?

Sermon Specific Questions:

1. How do you define forgiveness?
2. Why do you think forgiving people can be so difficult?
3. The three levels of forgiveness are 1) detached forgiveness, 2) limited forgiveness, and 3) full forgiveness. Describe a situation when you were fully forgiven or fully forgave. Did it take time? How did you feel?
4. What else is surfacing in your heart as you reflect on the message?
5. Practically speaking, what does it look like for you to live unoffended?

Practical Application:

- Spend some time with your Bible, a journal, and God listening for things and people he is calling you to forgive. You can use these prayer prompts:
 - Father God, who do I need to forgive?
 - I choose to forgive _____, for _____. I release it/them into your hands Jesus.
 - Holy Spirit, come and fill me with your perfect peace and restore in my heart the joy of your salvation.
- Say the Lord's Prayer and meditate on verse 12, "Forgive us our debts, as we have also forgiven our debtors."

Digging Deeper:

- Ask Holy Spirit for 3-4 names to pray for over the next 40 days. Write their names in the habit tracker and use it to remind you to contend on their behalf.
- Pray about how you might participate in fasting this Lent. We are suggesting fasting from sundown on Wednesdays to sundown on Thursdays. There are many other things you can fast from if you cannot fast from food. We encourage you to do what you can and lean in!
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