

## November 11 & 12, 2017

*“With Ridiculous Grace comes Ridiculous Forgiveness”*  
Ephesians 4:32, Matthew 18:21-35

Message by Rob Bashioum  
Worship led by Jeff Brown

Music:

Blessed Assurance	Broken Vessels (Amazing Grace)	Spirit Break Out
O Praise The Name (Anástasis)	Here's My Heart	

With Ridiculous Grace comes Ridiculous Forgiveness

Be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you. – Ephesians 4:32

Matthew 18:23-35

“Rather than triggering a loss of God’s forgiveness, our unforgiveness may just make manifest that in fact we haven’t allowed ourselves to receive God’s pardon.” – Miroslav Volf

It’s difficult to give Grace to others if we can’t recognize our need for Grace

Our view of how much we’ve been forgiven is often weak or forgotten.

We legitimize our situation but not others—we are blind to our own sin.

“Forgiveness flounders because I exclude the enemy from the community of humans even as I exclude myself from the community of sinners. But no one can be in the presence of the God of the crucified Messiah for long without overcoming this double exclusion.”

The Gospel of Grace gives us the Emotional Humility, Wholeness and Capacity to Forgive.

It’s difficult to give Grace to others if we can’t recognize our need for Grace and what we have received.

“\_\_\_\_\_, I release you from the prison of my unforgiveness. Even as I have been forgiven, so also in Jesus’ name I forgive you.”

## Forgiving Someone

- Exposure: Write the name down.
- Confession - both the unforgiveness and symptoms of it.
- Forgive - it is a choice of will - spurred because of Christ's forgiveness you have experienced.
- Bless the person who has hurt you.
- Healing: Ask the Spirit to come now and heal the areas of that have been bound by hurt and unforgiveness in your own life.