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What Forgiveness Is and Is Not

There are many definitions of forgiveness, but a simple one is to surrender the right to hurt others in response to the way they've hurt us. Forgiveness means refusing to retaliate or hold bitterness against people for the ways they have wounded us. It is a unilateral act, not conditional on the person being repentant or even willing to acknowledge what they have done.

Forgiveness is not saying that sin does not matter. It is not approving of what the other person has done, minimizing the offense, or denying we've been wronged. Forgiveness is acknowledging that the other person has sinned against us and may never be able to make it right. The apostle Paul writes, "Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you" (Ephesians 4:32). If God in Christ forgave us, then forgiving someone cannot mean diminishing the wrong they've done. God could never do that with sin and remain just. Forgiveness does not always mean reconciliation or restoration. And it does not require restoring trust or inviting the people who hurt us back into a relationship.

Forgiveness is unconditional, but meaningful reconciliation and restoration are conditional (in the gospel and in human relationships) on the offender's genuine repentance, humble willingness to accept the consequences of his actions, and a desire by both parties to work on the relationship. Forgiving people also does not mean they will not experience consequences for their sin. When we forgive them, however, we leave those consequences to God, who says, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay" (Romans 12:19). This does not mean we may not pursue legal action, if warranted, against someone who has hurt us.

In certain circumstances, that may be vital for the rehabilitation of the offender or for protecting other potential victims. Forgiveness is costly. In the Bible, it involves shedding blood (Hebrews 9:22). Sacrifice. Death. Honestly, the first step of forgiveness still often feels like death. I want to cling to my right to be angry and often resent being asked to give that up. It all seems so unfair. My flesh still demands some type of retribution. My resistance shows me I need God's help to understand forgiveness and to truly forgive.

September National Holidays

- 1 – American Chess Day
- 2 – College Colors Day
- 3 – World Beard Day
- 4 – Eat an Extra Dessert Day
- 5 – Labor Day
- 8 – World Physical Therapy Day
- 9 – National Book Lovers Day
- 10 – World First Aid Day
- 11 – Grandparents' Day
- 12 – National Day of Encouragement
- 13 – International Chocolate Day
- 14 – National Coloring Day
- 15 – International Day of Democracy
- 19 – Int. Talk Like a Pirate Day
- 20 – National Radio Day
- 21 – World Alzheimer's Day
- 22 – World Rhino Day
- 25 – World Pharmacist Day
- 26 – Environmental Health Day
- 28 – World Rabies Day
- 29 – World Heart Day





511 Woodlawn Rd., Steubenville, Ohio 43952

“All Because of Calvary”

Luke 23:33

“10th Year Anniversary”

September 17th - 21st

Wednesday, Sept. 17th - 6:00 pm - Midweek Revival

Thursday, Sept. 18th - 10:00 am - Calvary Strong Ministry

Friday, Sept. 19th - 12 Noon - Chat & Chew

Saturday, Sept. 20th - 5:00 pm - CCMBC Concert

Sunday, Sept. 21st - 11:00 am - Worship Services

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Women's Ministry

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HOST PASTOR

Women's RETREAT WORKSHOP

“THIS IS WHERE THE JOURNEY BEGINS.” | NEHEMIAH 2:17-18

FRI. 11.07.25 – SAT. 11.08.25

DRURY INN & SUITES

Settlers Ridge | 101 Ridge Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15205

\$25 REGISTRATION FEE

Double Queen Room (Sleeps 4) : \$126.00 + tax
*** Reserve by Monday, September 29th ***

GUEST SPEAKERS

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REV. DEBBIE HEARN

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Paris Thompson • Lula Lockett • Lance Parrish
Darcy French • Jeffrey Osborne • Dominique Wilson
Brandy Ross • Laila Reed • Jason Jenkins
• Brian Brown • Marva Gregory a.....

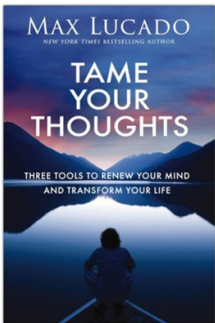
HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Pastor's Pick! Book of the Month!

Tame Your Thoughts: Three Tools to Renew Your Mind and Transform Your Life By: Max Lucado

Overwhelmed by the weight of worry, fear of failing, and grip of guilt?

Lucado provides three biblical, practical tools to interrupt poisonous thought threads, think like Jesus, and take thoughts captive!



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Rev. Benjamin L. Calvert II, Senior Pastor

Sunday Morning Worship Service
@ 10:00 AM

Wednesday Night Bible Study @ 6:00 PM

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