

Final Words — Eternal Impact #1: "Forgiven to Forgive" March 8 & 9, 2025 Ephesians 4:32

Opener:

Have you ever struggled to forgive someone who has hurt you? In your struggle, were you able to pray for them?

Go Deeper:

- 1. Read Luke 23:34. Have you ever thought about the fact that Jesus started His time on the cross with a prayer? Given the pain, and energy, it would have taken for Jesus to speak while He was dying on the cross, why do you think Jesus prayed this prayer out loud?
- 2. Read John 11:41-42. Jesus said He knew His Father always heard His prayers. What did Jesus say was the reason He prayed out loud that day?
- 3. Read John 1:1-5 and 10-11. The world didn't recognize Jesus and His own did not receive Him. On Ash Wednesday Pastor Todd reminded us that we are part of the "them" who do not know what they were doing. How do you feel about being part of the "them"?
- 4. Read Isaiah 53:10-12. Focus on verse 10. How do you feel/react to the crucifixion being, "the Lord's will to crush Him and cause Him to suffer?"

Live It:

- 1. Read Ephesians 4:32. Have you ever struggled to forgive someone? Have you ever struggled to forgive yourself?
- 2. Read John 17:20-26 and Luke 23:34. How do you feel and react to Jesus' prayer for you?
- 3. John 1:29 tells us Jesus was the Lamb of God who came to take away the sin of the world. This includes all your sins as well. How do you feel about Jesus asking the Father to finish the work Christ came to accomplish?
- 4. Did you know Jesus continues to pray for us before the Father's throne? Read Romans 8:34; 1 John 2:1 and Hebrews 7:25. Ponder the significance of Jesus continuing to intercede for you.

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Daily Bible Readings (March 9-15)

Sun:	Luke 10:25-42	A Samaritan, Martha and Mary
Mon:	Leviticus 19:13-18	Loving Your Neighbor
Tues:	Romans 13:8-10	Love for One Another
Wed:	Luke 11:1-13	Power of Prayer
Thurs:	Matthew 6:5-13	Concerning Prayer
Fri:	Luke 12:22-34	Do Not Worry
Sat:	Philippians 4:4-9	Peace, Not Worry

*The readings selected come from the Narrative Lectionary calendar.

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