

*life*Lines Guide  
Unexpected: Teaching  
Keep Forgiving

WORD

Read [Matthew 18:21-35](#)

How is it that the why is so obvious, and yet following the command is still so difficult?

Where do you struggle with forgiveness the most? why?

Imagine a world where Christians really did forgive like Jesus is calling us to. What positive changes do you imagine? What negative consequences do you imagine?

How is God calling you to respond to His Word today?

PRAY

Pray the Fifth Petition of the Lord's Prayer and Luther's Explanation.

*And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.*

We pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would not look at our sins, or deny our prayer because of them. We are neither worthy of the things for which we pray, nor have we deserved them, but we ask that He would give them all to us by grace, for we daily sin much and surely deserve nothing but punishment. So we too will sincerely forgive and gladly do good to those who sin against us.

LOVE

Find a way to sincerely forgive and gladly do good to someone who sins against you. Keep each other accountable and help each other follow through.

