

Liturgy for August 9, 2015

Call to Worship Psalm 63:1-4 (NIV)

Pastor: O God, you are my God, earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my body longs for you, in a dry and weary land where there is no water. I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your power and your glory. Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you.

People: *I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name I will lift up my hands.*

Prayer of Confession

Pastor: As we have entered into this time of worship and into the presence of God, our Father Almighty, let us now confess our sins before God and one another. Loving and merciful God, we offer you all are personal and corporate sins, and those offenses in which we are complicit, knowingly and unknowingly.

People: *Merciful God, consume our sins with the fire of your love.*

Pastor: Remove all the stains, through your grace, restore us mercifully with Your kiss of peace. We offer you all that is good in us, in order that you may amend and sanctify it, perfecting it more and more, that we may live faithfully in your loving presence.

Silent Prayer

All: *Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy.*

Words of Assurance:

Pastor: Here's the good news. If we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In the name of Jesus Christ, You are forgiven.

People: *In the Name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.*

All: *Glory to God, Amen.*

Sermon Notes

Main Thought: *“We will never know true peace until we let go of the resentment in our lives and forgive those who have harmed us.”*

I. What Forgiveness Is Not

1. We are not endorsing that behavior.
2. We are not exempting that person from the consequences of their action.
3. We are also not saying that there is an immediate restoration of trust.

II. Cycle and Impact of Resentment in David's life.

1. Absalom and Amnon
2. David and Absalom
3. Absalom and David
4. Joab and David and Absalom

III. Ways to Let Go of Resentment

1. Have a soft heart but a thick skin
2. Try to Understand Where the offender is Coming From
3. Recall the times when you yourself have needed forgiveness
4. Express Kindness to the One Who Offended You.
5. Be big enough to forgive