



## ***Commencing Re-entry- RESTORED***

***Mission Marriage~ Matthew 6:12-14***

September 20, 2026

## **Questions for the Community**

**What does the Bible say?** (goal: go slow, notice the text, let God speak for Himself in the words of His book)

1. Read Matthew 6:12–15. What connection does Jesus make between receiving God’s forgiveness and forgiving other people?
2. Read Joel 2:12–13. What does God want beyond outward expressions of sorrow? What does this passage reveal about God’s character toward the repentant?
3. Read Ephesians 4:32. What attitudes and actions should characterize the way Christians respond to someone who has sinned against them?
4. Read Colossians 2:13–14. What has God done with the “record of debt” created by our sin? How does the cross shape the sermon’s picture of forgiveness?

**What does it mean?** (goal: get to the heart of the text by understanding what Paul is teaching then and how it relates to now)

5. The sermon described repentance with three words: confession, contrition, and change. Why are all three important? What happens when one of them is missing?
6. The sermon said, “Your spouse doesn’t want you to SAY sorry, they want to SEE sorry.” What kind of fruit would demonstrate that repentance is genuine?
7. Sunday, we heard: “Truth without love causes the marriage to break apart; love without truth causes the marriage to drift apart.” Why do healthy relationships need both truth and love?

**What do I do?** (goal: move from understanding to faithful, obedient lived response; this is sometimes plain and sometimes requires listening in prayer)

8. When you have hurt someone, which part of repentance is hardest for you: confessing specifically, feeling appropriate sorrow, or making real changes? Why?
9. When someone hurts you, which response are you more tempted toward: angry confrontation or avoiding the issue and “letting it go”? What would a more biblical response look like?
10. Is there a hurt in one of your relationships that you have technically “forgiven” but never really talked through? What might it look like to choose forgiveness and then lovingly confront?
11. The sermon contrasted a consumer mindset with a ministry mindset in marriage. Where are you most tempted to ask, “What am I getting from this relationship?” instead of, “How can I love and serve here?”
12. The key practice was “Live forgiven and free.” How would remembering the amount of grace God has given you change the way you respond to someone who disappoints, irritates, or sins against you this week?