

Ps. Vick – 30<sup>th</sup>. April 2017

**Sermon Title: "Forgiving from the Heart"**

Text: 1 Cor. 13: 4-7 (NLT)

<sup>4</sup> Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud<sup>5</sup> or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged. <sup>6</sup> It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. <sup>7</sup> Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance.

Gen 27:41 (NKJV)- "So Esau hated Jacob because of the blessing with which his father blessed him, and Esau said in his heart, "The days of mourning for my father are at hand; then I will kill my brother Jacob."

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- ✓ There is something in life that will come back again - mainly for you to face your greatest fear!

Unlike Esau his birthright-

- ✓ Has your Trust been broken? Have you broken someone trust ?
- ✓ Has this incident caused you or other person so much pain?

What can you do next ?

**1. Make things right**

Gen 32: 3-5 (NRSV)

<sup>3</sup>Then Jacob sent messengers before him to Esau his brother in the land of Seir, the country of Edom. <sup>4</sup>And he commanded them, saying, "Speak thus to my lord Esau, ....and I have sent to tell my lord, that I may find favor in your sight."'''

- ✓ Jacob made things right - he knew he needed to face it!
- ✓ Although Jacob was afraid, he pursued after God on His promises to keep him safe.
- ✓ Gen.28:15(NRSV) <sup>15</sup> Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you."
- ✓ Jacob held his faith with God and prevailed. He had made things right with God before he made thing right with his brother!
- ✓ God will always have a way out for you.

**2. Accept and Release Forgiveness**

Gen 33:4

<sup>4</sup>But Esau ran to meet him, and embraced him, and fell on his neck and kissed him, and they wept.

- ✓ Esau reflected the heart of our heavenly Father !
- ✓ Esau forgave Jacob without mentioning his wrongdoing in stealing his first born blessing.

"It is the goodness of God that brings man to repentance.".....W.W.Wiersbe

Isaiah 53:5-New Living Translation

But he was pierced for our rebellion, crushed for our sins. He was beaten so we could be whole. He was whipped so we could be healed.

Rom. 4:25 New Living Translation

He was handed over to die because of our sins, and he was raised to life to make us right with God.

### **Conclusion:**

Why is it so important that we do this?

**I. Resentment makes us depressed and miserable.**

**II. We will need forgiveness in the future.**

- ✓ Heart forgiveness is when your heart releases the person, frees them, and lets them go.
- ✓ Forgiveness is instant. Trust must be rebuilt over time. Trust must be earned.

**III. God has forgiven me.**

Ephesians 4:32 says, "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you" (NIV)

- ✓ When I feel forgiven, I'm going to be forgiving.
- ✓ You have a heavenly Father who deeply loves you and wants to know you intimately.
- ✓ Would you take a bold step today to release the person to God- it's time to forgive from the heart and let them go!