

Women's Thursday Bible Class

God's Distinctive Calling for Women 2022

Lesson 11 - Cornerstone of Forgiveness, part 2

Review last week

Forgiveness is messy but necessary.

Recount our experience with a necessary septic clean out!

Susan Hunt - phrase - "Thinking biblically and living covenantally "

- learning to enjoy God and to glorify Him

Definition-of spiritual mothering

Gleanings from Abigail- God's use of a third party to promote forgiveness

Lubricating oil in volatile mess

Vessel God used

So we as a spiritual mother can come alongside to encourage and equip a daughter HOW to extend forgiveness.

But we must remember that forgiveness is a fruit of God's grace. (abiding in the Vine). We are commanded to forgive others, be forgiving " as God in Christ forgave us."

Not in our flesh or just do it- how then? By abiding in the Vine

But are we forgivers?

Acts 7 - Stephen

Remarkable contemporary examples:

1. Corrie ten Boom
2. Elizabeth Elliott
3. Gail MacDonald

Stories are great but where does real motivation, empowerment, strength come from in the midst of a personal struggle to forgive?

There is a wide range - from the Biggest to the Smallest offenses.

It as God's chosen people, we really have no alternative....if we want to glorify God!

Break for discussion:

Next week: chapter 11 - read in Spiritual Mothering if you have.

"Comfort the Comfortless"

Lesson Eleven Discussion Questions

1. To review, what are some of the costs of unforgiveness that just keep costing?
2. On the other hand, what are the positive pay backs of forgiveness?
3. Remember forgiveness involves releasing... giving up.....turning loose. Maybe we really are not sure if we have forgiven someone or not. Maybe we really do have an unforgiveness problem, but we haven't really identified (or accepted) it as such. What thoughts do you have on these maybes?
4. What can really motivate us to be a more forgiving person?
5. abiding in the Vine - John 15:1-10
6. If you have time, think back on the contemporary examples of forgiveness. Do you have any thoughts?