The God Who Forgives

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INTRODUCTION

- You need air. You need food and water. You want a vacation.
- This morning I'd like for us to concentrate upon one thing that we need.
- One thing we're going to see that we desperately need, and one thing that our God delightfully and abundantly gives.

1 A Desperate Need for Forgiveness

Romans 3:23; Romans 6:23; Psalm 130:3–4

- That's a deep spiritual need we have to be forgiven of our God.
- Who can stand? And the answer rings in our ears, no one, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.
- Romans 6 and verse 23 tells us that the wages of sin is death.
- If you, Lord, should mark iniquities, oh Lord, who could stand. But there is forgiveness with you that you may be feared.
- We have a desperate need for the forgiveness that God offers.

2 God Delights in Mercy

Micah 7:18–19; Luke 15:6–10; Luke 15:20

- Not only does God offer forgiveness, that he delights in showing mercy.
- Who is a God like you? He does not retain his anger forever. Because he delights in mercy. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.
- God not only offers forgiveness, he doesn't do so reluctantly. He does so with delight.
- There will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over 99 righteous persons who need no repentance.
- All three of these stories are about the one who found them. The one who forgave. These are stories about God.
- When he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him.

3 God Forgives Abundantly

Isaiah 55:6–8; Romans 5:20–21

- The scriptures not only tell us that God forgives, and not only that he forgives delightfully, but that he forgives abundantly.
- Let him return to the Lord, and he will have mercy on him and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

- God says, You come to me, and I will pardon you abundantly. Because I'm not like you.
- It doesn't matter the severity of the sin. It doesn't matter the number of sins that we may have committed.
- But where sin abounded, grace abounded much more.
- You can't out sin the grace of God. No matter the severity of your sin, no matter the number of your sins, God's grace abounds much more.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **I want to challenge you to rejoice in the delightful, abundant forgiveness of God. But never quit.**

MY NOTES