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SUNDAY TIMES:
BIBLE STUDIES: 09H00
WORSHIP: 10H00 TO 11H00
28 JUNE 2026

Preacher: Mike Baisley
Sermon Topic: Enjoying the Fruit of Forgiveness
Scripture reading: Ephesians 4: 31 - 32

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY - 9 a.m.

We encourage everyone to attend the morning Bible Study classes, as we study the book of Acts. Johan is facilitating the class. Please join us during this time of learning God's Word. Continue reading through Acts!

Song Leader: Braam Le Roux **Scripture Reading:** Braam Le Roux
Opening Prayer: Des Hagemann **Lord's Table:** Johan Smulders
Closing Prayer: Rudi Le Roux **Attendance last Sunday:** 50
Servers: Braam, Johan, Rudi & Des

LADIES' BIBLE STUDY

The Wednesday Bible Study classes have been put on hold for the three-week School holiday period. Enjoy this family time!

PRAYER REQUESTS

Let us continue to pray for those who need God's grace, healing and strength through difficult times. Please remember especially Braam in your prayers as he mourns the loss of his beloved Petro.

BIRTHDAYS

Jean Goldswain – 4 July
May the Lord bless you with another year filled with happiness, peace and good health!

TEA & BISCUITS

Please stay after worship and enjoy tea & biscuits this morning, while having fellowship with one another. Thank you to Brenda and Gill for preparing the venue.

WELCOME

Welcome all visitors this morning. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to ask.

CELL PHONES

We kindly ask that all cell phones be turned to silent mode or switched off during this time of worship. We hope to see you again next Sunday!

THE BRIDGE OF FORGIVENESS

Two brothers had adjoining farms. For years, they worked in peace, sharing tools, providing mutual support and help whenever needed. But they fell into conflict and the rift began to increase.

One day a carpenter turned up at the door of the older brother. 'I am looking for work,' he said to him. 'I am very skilled and I have all my tools with me.'

The brother thought for a while and an idea flashed in his mind. 'My brother's farm is next to mine,' he told the carpenter. 'A river runs between our farms. I want you to build a fence at least two metres high, over the edge of my farm. That way my brother cannot think of making any mischief to harm me or my farm. You may use the pile of lumber lying by the barn. Make it nice and strong.'

The carpenter went to work. Whenever the older brother checked on him, he saw him hard at work. But a few days later when the farmer went back to check on how the work was progressing, he was in for a surprise. It was not what he had asked of the carpenter.

Instead of building a fence, the carpenter had built a bridge between the two farms. When the younger brother saw this, he was overcome with remorse. He came over to the older brother and embraced him. 'I am so sorry,' he said to him. 'By building this bridge, you showed that you have a bigger heart.' The older brother had tears in his eyes. He thanked the carpenter for his work. 'I think my work here is done,' said the carpenter smiling and gathered his tools.

When we are upset and hurt, building walls and fences may seem like the right thing to do. Forgiveness is the bridge that brings us closer to each other. But more importantly, that is the bridge that will bring us closer to ourselves so that we find our way to the other side. Look for the carpenter within you.

Ephesians 4: 31 – 32

"Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamour and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you."

**HOLDING A GRUDGE
DOESN'T MAKE YOU
STRONG; IT MAKES
YOU BITTER.
FORGIVING DOESN'T
MAKE YOU WEAK; IT
SETS YOU FREE.**

Dear Heavenly Father, we come to You today to lay down our heavy burdens. Please take away any anger, bitterness or resentment in our hearts. Help us to let go of harsh words and negative thoughts. Instead, fill us with Your love. Make us kind and compassionate to the people around us. Teach us to forgive others quickly, just as You completely forgave us through Jesus. Let our words and actions bring peace to those around us. In Jesus' name, Amen.

FORGIVENESS - FROM GOD'S WORD

Mark 11: 25 - And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive them, so that your Father also, who is in heaven, may forgive you your trespasses.

1 John 1: 9 - If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Matthew 18: 21 - 22 - Then Peter came up and said to him, "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times."

Matthew 6: 14 - 15 - For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

Luke 6: 37 - Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven.

*Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.
O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.*

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