

## Summer of Love Series – Part 9 - Love Keeps No Records of Wrongs

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### Scriptures

1 Corinthians 13 NIV, Matthew 5:21-22 NIV, Matthew 5:27-28 NIV, Matthew 5:31-32 NIV, Matthew 5:38-41 NIV, Matthew 5:43-45 NIV, Philippians 3:5-8 NIV, Luke 22:56-62 NIV, Matthew 6:14-15 NIV, Jeremiah 31:34 NIV, Zephaniah 3:17 AMPC.

### Topic Review

Do you hold Grudges?

Now what does this have to do with summer of love and relationships. It has everything to do with love and relationships. The reason grudges can be so harmful are because a grudge doesn't just hurt the person you are mad with. But it also hurts your relationship with yourself and your relationship with God.

How many of us have a list of all the wrongs people have done to us! Every smart remark, every no-show, every lie, every deceit, every little thing that does not align with our expectations, hopes, or desires we have them all stored up in a list and pull them out all too often.

This is our list of wrongs. There is not a person that can say that they have not sinned. And our wrong list keeps growing and growing and growing with every passing day. But I have good news! Love does not keep records of wrongs. Through the blood of Christ we have this big bold beautiful word called...Forgiveness

Without Jesus and forgiveness, we are dead in our sin, lost without hope. So before we can do anything in our lives we must acknowledge the Savior and his forgiveness.

To heal, in order to be like Jesus and be fully devoted followers of Christ, we need to be able to...Forgive Others. Have you ever said the phrase I can forget a lot of things, but I will never forgive \_\_\_\_\_. No one ever said this was easy. But how can we ever expect to be forgiven if we can't forgive others.

Christ died for forgiveness; we need to live with forgiveness. Living with forgiveness means it must happen constantly. So, for us, forgiveness is a choice that happens daily.



Forgiveness looks like this:

1. Acknowledge the Wrong.
2. Pray for forgiveness.
3. Work on Forgiving Yourself.
4. Forgive Others Constantly.
5. Repeat!

### **Experience Today's Message**

1. What is that you hold grudges about?
2. What is something you have a hard time forgiving yourself for?
3. What is something you have a hard time forgiving someone else for?
4. Is there anything you think cannot be forgiven?
5. Do you have a hard time believing God can forget all your wrong doings?