

Lessons for Life

Forgiveness Easter's 7 Words – 1 Pastor Michael Rochelle February 21/22, 2015

"...And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge--that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God." Ephesians 3:17b-19 (NIV)

"We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ."

1 John 1:3 (NIV)

Fellowship: Loving and being loved at the deepest level.

1. Decide Not To Hide My FAULTS

"He wore a veil so the children of Israel wouldn't notice that the glory was fading away." 2 Corinthians 3:13 (MSG)

| "With that kind of hope to excite us, nothing holds us back. Unlike Moses, we have nothing to hide. Everything is out in the open with us" 2 Corinthians 3:12-13a (MSG) |
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| 2. Realize The Depth Of God's <u>Forgiveness</u> |
| "Once again you will have compassion on us. You will trample our sins under your feet and throw them into the depths of the ocean!" Micah 7:19 (NLT) |
| "Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered." Psalm 32:1 (KJV) |
| "The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him. John said, 'Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" John 1:29 (NCV) |
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3. Enjoy The Delight Of God's ACCEPTANCE

"There is no room in love for fear. Well-formed love

| banishes fear. Since fear is crippling, a fearful life—fear of death, fear of judgment—is one not yet fully formed in love." 1 John 4:18 (MSG) |
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| "And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity." Colossians 3:14 (NIV) |
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| 4. Pursue A Life of LOVE |
| "We love because He first loved us." 1 John 4:19 (NIV) |
| "Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers a multitude of sins." 1 Peter 4:8 (NIV) |
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