



Life Story – Love Keeps No Record of Wrongs Week 2

Warm-up

If there were a book that captured your life story, what would you find written on those pages when you got to heaven? Would it contain records of you making more right decisions than wrong decisions or vice versa? Why?

The Word

This week, we are going to learn that God’s love keeps no records of wrongs. According to **Psalm 103:12**, God has removed our transgressions from us and no longer holds a record of wrongs that we committed towards Him. His love covers a multitude of sin (**1 Peter 4:8**), and in **1 Corinthians 13:5**, Paul says that love “keeps no record of being wronged.”

We are going to talk about how we can have confidence in our relationship with God and others. Let’s discuss 5 ideas that we must believe and recognize in order to experience confidence in our relationship with God and others:

- 1) Every one of us has a record. Both of the good we have done and the bad.**
Read 1 Corinthians 13:5

Describe a time when you made a wrong decision in a relationship and the person did not hold it against you. How did that make you feel? Why?

Relationships are one of the most important things that God has entrusted to us. If we are to have confidence in our relationship with God and with others, we must first believe that we are loved and accepted by God, regardless of the wrongs we may have done.

- 2) The devil is a record keeper. The Bible refers to him as the “accuser of the brethren.”**
Read Revelation 12:10, 1 Corinthians 13:7

Have you ever been wrongfully accused of doing something? How did you respond?

What are some steps that we can take to prevent wrongfully accusing someone or responding inappropriately when someone wrongfully accuses us?

3) People are going to hurt you. You must decide which relationships are worth hurting for.

Unfortunately, not everyone that we are in relationship with is completely healed, and therefore, they can cause pain in our lives. However, when we realize the role of certain individuals that God places in our lives, we can better absorb the pain that may result from our relationship with them. In relationships, it is not a matter of “if” I get hurt, but “when” I get hurt. Remember, none of us are perfect, including God’s people. There is a need to extend grace and forgiveness to one another.

What are the relationships in your life that you are willing to be hurt for? Why?

4) Jesus suffered to forgive us – and He still keeps no record of our wrongs.

Read Matthew 1:21

What does it mean to you that God intentionally sent His Son Jesus to Earth to be born and ultimately suffer and die for our sins?

As humble of a beginning and as violent of a death that Jesus suffered, it was always God’s plan to redeem us from our sins. Everyone who accepts Jesus will be forgiven of their sins, and everyone who follows the teachings of Jesus must be willing to forgive others.

5) If He has removed our record of wrongs, we must remove others’ records of wrong from our heart.

Read Mark 11: 25-26

Why do you think it is so important to forgive others who may have wronged you? What are the benefits of having a heart that has been erased of the wrongs it has done and of the wrongs others have done to it?

God is not finished with you yet, and your story is not yet done. Allow God to awaken your heart and fill you with strength to move forward.

Which one(s) of these 5 ideas will help you write the life story that God will be pleased reading?

Some of us today are still trying to write our own life story. God desires to complete the story He began for your life. Is it time to turn the pen over to Him?

Prayer

Ask God to help each of us to have a heart that has been forgiven of wrong records and is quick to release the wrong records of others. Pray for the small group members to think about the life story they are writing, and pray to commit to let God finish the story as He desires.