

INSURGENCY

The God Who Bleeds - III

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Open in Prayer.

Review Chapter 5 of the digital book, *Insurgency*, and read Matthew 6:9-12.

Pastor Derwin writes, “Forgiveness is choosing to extend the mercy that God in Christ extends to us. Forgiveness is not becoming a doormat to be trampled upon by dirty shoes; forgiveness is the way of the cross. Sometimes we must bleed to turn enemies into friends. Forgiveness is not about being taken advantage of, but forgiveness is about living and loving in such a way that our lives become the showcase where others can see Jesus.”

Do you ever find it hard to forgive? How does this view of forgiveness change your perspective?

The God Who Bleeds:

1. **Gives us His best, at our worst.**

Read Romans 5:8.

- Christ gave Himself to us while we were still sinners. This means that His love and salvation is not dependent on us or our performance.
- Do you ever fall into performance-based living?
- How does it make you feel when you are trying to earn God’s love or approval?
- What is the opposite of performance-based living?

2. **Declares us to be as righteous as Jesus.**

Read Romans 5:9.

- Who makes you righteous and how?
- What does it mean to be “declared righteous”?

3. **Makes us His friends and gives us the Life of His Son as our source of power.**

Read Romans 5:10-11.

- Through His death, we receive salvation from the penalty of our sin. Through His life, we receive salvation from the power of sin.
- Do you truly believe you are more powerful than sin?
- How would your daily life change if you chose to walk in Christ as the source of your power?

Read Galatians 2:20.

- He has given Himself to me, now I give myself to Him. What does this look like in your life? What does this look like in the life of the Church as a whole?

Soul tattoo:

Receive the Lord’s Supper