

### **Forgiveness**

*Corrie Ten Boom and her family had hidden Jews in their house in the Netherlands. The Gestapo found the family out and sent Corrie and her family to Ravensbruck concentration camp. After the war, while at a church service in Munich, she came face to face with one of the former Ravensbruck prison guards. Corrie had just delivered a message of God's forgiveness and the former guard, not recognising her, asked Corrie personally for forgiveness for the atrocities he had committed.*

*Corrie struggled within herself and found that at first she could not forgive him, but she quickly prayed and then extended her hand to him. In her words, "As I did, an incredible thing took place. The current started in my shoulder, raced down my arm, sprang into our joined hands. And then this healing warmth seemed to flood my whole being, bringing tears to my eyes. 'I forgive you, brother!' I cried. 'With all my heart!' For a long moment we grasped each other's hands, the former guard and the former prisoner. I had never known God's love so intensely, as I did then."*

Never, ever underestimate the power of forgiveness, and the beauty of forgiveness is that it works both ways. It brings power as much power to those forgiving as to those who are being forgiven.

**'He who seeks vengeance must dig two graves: one for his enemy and one for himself.'** Chinese proverb

### **Back to Church**

The general consensus appears to be that we should wait for a move to level 1 before we congregate for worship. There are several factors involved. Physical distancing has to be maintained which means we would be restricted to small numbers. If we add in no singing (as recommended) and practical issues with regards morning tea, there is a feeling that much of the advantage of coming together would be lost.

We are hoping that we will be at level 1 by Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> and there is a feeling that it is worth waiting until then. In the meantime, we will join you in your homes via YouTube!

### **Narayan**

I have had an email from Angeline in Melbourne and she sends greetings to you all. They are still in lockdown level 4! Lorence is working 85% but they are in good spirits. As they are unable to attend church, they are enjoying our YouTube services.

### **Time for a Smile**

A man is being interviewed. 'When is your birthday?' asks the interviewer. 'November the twelfth,' says the man. 'Which year?' asks the interviewer. 'Every year,' says the man.



### **To Ponder**

Character cannot be developed in ease and quiet. Only through experience of trial and suffering can the soul be strengthened, ambition inspired, and success achieved.'

Helen Keller

### **YouTube service**

<https://youtu.be/FWOH0tUL80k>

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