GRACE NOTES

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Series: THIS IS US
Message: Forgiving When You Can't Forget

I am forgiven.
I am forgiving.

It's not deserved. That is the very thing we celebrate most about God's forgiveness…

God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. (Romans 5:8)

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God… (Ephesians 2:8)

It is not deserved. That is the thing we find most difficult when it comes to forgiving others.

Jesus never presented forgiveness as optional.

"For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses." (Matthew 6:14-15)

"And whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone, so that your Father also who is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses." (Mark 11:25)

Ephesians 4:22-24
22 …put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, 23 and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, 24 and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

Unforgiveness belongs to our old life.
In Christ, we are made new.

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. (Romans 12:2)

Forgiveness is costly.