



Family Values| Pastor Craig Meyer

Our Family Prays & Forgives Each Other

Mark 11:12-25 | Chair Bible page 847

- The Back Story

Jesus Curses a Fig Tree - Mark 11:12-14

- It is the only miracle in the entire record of Jesus' ministry which is a pronouncement of judgment and condemnation and destruction upon anything.
- That tree was a symbol of the nation Israel

Jesus Clears the Temple - Mark 11:15-17

Jesus did two very significant things which were like cursing this nation just as he had cursed the fig tree which looked alive and fruit bearing but was not.

- First, He cleared out all the commercialism
- Second, He stopped the worship. He rejected its worship and refused to acknowledge it as having any value.
- The next day Jesus taught His disciples, and us, His values.

God's Values –

- Faith – Mark 11:20-23
 - o His value is faith in God and in His Son Jesus Christ. Trust in Him and Him alone.
 - o The “mountain” that stands as an obstacle to faith – Pride that refuses to forgive.
- Forgiveness – Mark 11:24-25

Pride that refuses to forgive is like a mountain that blocks life in God. That mountain can be moved if, when you pray you will forgive those who have offended you as you have been forgiven.

 - o God's forgiveness inspires our forgiveness
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 (ESV)

“Pray like this ... and forgive us our debts as we also have forgiven our debtors – Matthew 6:9a and 12 (ESV)



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sermon outline

- o We can not forgive in our own strength.
Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, 13 bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive – Colossians 3:12-13 (ESV)

Forgiveness is an action of the will, it's a decision that is empowered by the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit turns us to Christ and the promise of his forgiveness.

There is an important spiritual distinction between finding it hard or even for a time to **being unable to forgive and being unwilling** to do so.

- o Forgiveness is modeled after God's forgiveness.
And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. – Colossians 3:14 (ESV)

Jesus demonstrated love and forgiveness to perfection.

When you pray

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