

# SERMON NOTES



Hope Church - Spartanburg, SC

Sermon: Letting Go

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2-26-17

*There are some family photos that we would like to delete.*

Forgiveness is not an event, but a **lifestyle** .

Matthew 18:21-22 (NLT)

We forgive because He **forgave** us.

Matthew 18:23-27

Luke 23:33-34

*Forgiveness is a hallmark of authentic Christianity.*

## The Fruit of Unforgiveness

### 1. Control

Matthew 18:28-35 (NLT)

*Demonic power & control is unleashed by a failure to forgive.*

### 2. Pain

Matthew 18:34 (NLT)

Proverbs 18:19 (NLT)

*We are imprisoned to our past by cords of pain.*

### 3. Torment

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Matthew 18:34-35 (NLT)

Ephesians 4:26-27 (NLT)

*The enemy is looking for legal access to our lives & we can deny him access.*

## Forgiving from your heart:

1. Repent

2. Release

3. Bless

4. Pursue