

WRITING OFF WHAT CAN'T BE REPAID

JUNK BONDS

MARK 2:1-12

JANUARY 5, 2020

¹When Jesus returned to Capernaum several days later, the news spread quickly that he was back home. ²Soon the house where he was staying was so packed with visitors that there was no more room, even outside the door. While he was preaching God's word to them, ³four men arrived carrying a paralyzed man on a mat. ⁴They couldn't bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, so they dug a hole through the roof above his head. Then they lowered the man on his mat, right down in front of Jesus. ⁵Seeing their faith, Jesus said to the paralyzed man, "My child, your sins are forgiven."

⁶But some of the teachers of religious law who were sitting there thought to themselves, ⁷"What is he saying? This is blasphemy! Only God can forgive sins!"

⁸Jesus knew immediately what they were thinking, so he asked them, "Why do you question this in your hearts? ⁹Is it easier to say to the paralyzed man 'Your sins are forgiven,' or 'Stand up, pick up your mat, and walk'?" ¹⁰So I will prove to you that the Son of Man has the authority on earth to forgive sins." Then Jesus turned to the paralyzed man and said, ¹¹"Stand up, pick up your mat, and go home!"

¹²And the man jumped up, grabbed his mat, and walked out through the stunned onlookers. They were all amazed and praised God, exclaiming, "We've never seen anything like this before!"

Jesus Shows Us How to Forgive Better

1. WE FORGIVE BECAUSE WE CAN'T _____.

"Who told you that you were naked?" the LORD God asked.
"Have you eaten from the tree whose fruit I commanded you
not to eat?"

Genesis 3:11

2. THE FUTURE IS WHAT _____ IS ABOUT.

“I—yes, I alone—will blot out your sins for my own sake and will never think of them again.” Isaiah 43:25

“I will forgive their wickedness, and I will never again remember their sins.” Jeremiah 31:34

Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged. 1 Corinthians 13:4–5

3. EVERY WRONGDOING IS GOD'S _____.

Thereafter, Hagar used another name to refer to the LORD, who had spoken to her. She said, “You are the God who sees me.” Genesis 16:13

“Give justice to the poor and the orphan;
uphold the rights of the oppressed and the destitute.
Rescue the poor and helpless;
deliver them from the grasp of evil people.” Psalm 82:3–4

Those who mock the poor insult their Maker; those who rejoice at the misfortune of others will be punished. Proverbs 17:5

4. JESUS CAME TO _____ GOD'S FORGIVENESS.

But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners. Romans 5:8

God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him. John 3:17

“Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you.” Then he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, they are forgiven. If you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.” John 20:21–23

And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to himself through Christ. And God has given us this task of reconciling people to him. For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation. 2 Corinthians 5:18

And he took a cup of wine and gave thanks to God for it. He gave it to them and said, “Each of you drink from it, for this is my blood, which confirms the covenant between God and his people. It is poured out as a sacrifice to forgive the sins of many. Matthew 26:27–28