

## **Sermon Notes**

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Sermon Series: Life to the Max

Title: The Power to Love and Forgive

Scripture Reading: Luke 15:11-32

- Where we have been sinned against or offended by the act of another person, forgiveness is for us. It is something we need the power from Jesus in abundant life to do to heal and to avoid a root of resentment or bitterness to grow in our hearts.
- Reconciliation and restoration is not the responsibility of the offended. It is something we desire. It is something we are encouraged to seek following the spiritual guidelines presented to us by Jesus in Matthew 18
- Ultimately reconciliation is the responsibility of the offender who brings this about through the same power of Jesus Christ by repenting or acknowledging his offense to the one offended and asking for forgiveness that is granted through Jesus power because we determined to do this after the offense took place.
- There can be forgiveness without reconciliation because it is something we've chosen to do in the power of Jesus Christ regardless of whether the offender ever acknowledges his sin to us.
- In abundant life I receive from Jesus the power to forgive as Jesus Christ has forgiven me.
- Father, forgive them for they don't know what they are doing!