### Parkman Congregational Church October 1, 2023

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SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30AM SUNDAY EVENING PRAYER SERVICE 6:00 - 7:00PM

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#### THIS WEEK'S CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, October 1	Sunday school, 9:00 am
	Fellowship Time, 10:00 am
	Worship Service, 10:30 am
	Evening Prayer Service 6-7:00 pm
Monday, October 2	Committee Meeting, 7:00 pm
Wednesday, October 4	Church History in America,
	6:30 - 7:30pm
Saturday, October 7	AA, 8:30 pm
Sunday, October 8	Sunday school, 9:00 am

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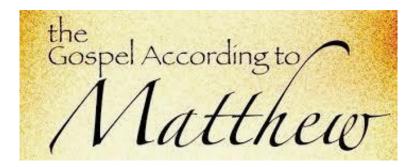


NOT God's plan for my life BUT my life for God's plan NOT God's vision for our church BUT our church for God's Vision

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	MATTHEW	
10/01 – Matthew 6:13	Temptation and Evil	



<u>Scripture of the Month</u> Matthew 6:14, 15 "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."

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As Jesus finishes His teaching on how to pray, He tags on one last thing; for if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, but if you do not forgive other's their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. This add-on seems a little out of place. In the Lord's Prayer, we are to pray, forgive us our debts, as we

**forgive our debtors**. As we will note though, when we pray this petition, we are asking the Father to forgive us, because we all still sin, we aren't perfect. The thing is; the Lord is the One who grants us the gift of repentance when we sin. We see this in Acts 11 where the Lord granted repentance to the gentiles. We see this in  $2^{nd}$  Timothy 2 with a prayer that the Lord grant repentance to some. So we are seeking the Lord to forgive us on a daily basis, because we still sin, all the while knowing though that it is through the redemptive work of Jesus that we are forgiven.

That same petition from the Lord's Prayer though also requires that we forgive others their debts, their sins, their trespasses against us. We all know firsthand that forgiving someone who has sinned against you is hard, sometimes it seems impossible. This is why we are to seek the Lord to help us walk in the same posture that Jesus has towards us, this posture where we remember that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. H.N. Ridderbos rightly asserts, "By forgiving his debtors the believer shows himself to be a child of God." R.T. France expressed the same idea when he wrote, "The point is not so much that forgiving is a prior condition to being forgiven, but that forgiveness cannot be a one-way process."

We can't act like we are forgiven children of God, if we are walking around with unrepentant un-forgiveness in our hearts towards others. If we are being shaped and molded into image bearers than we will recognize the un-forgiveness in us and we will take it to the Lord repenting, seeking Him to cleanse us of it.

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#### SUNDAY EVENINGS PRAYER SERVICE





<u>CHURCH HISTORY IN AMERICA</u> Wednesday evenings September 13<sup>th</sup> Through November 22<sup>nd</sup> 6:30pm -7:30pm Sign up at the church bulletin board

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