

FLEURIEU EDGE

Bumper Cars

Life is a lot like “bumper cars” at an amusement park. You get in your car, knowing that you will get hit... you just don't know how hard. And when you get hit, you step on the accelerator pedal, chase the one who has hit you, and hope to bump that person harder than they bumped you.

That may be a fun strategy for bumper cars, but it's a terrible strategy for life. When you get bumped in life, bumping back only escalates matters and in the end everyone suffers damage.

Jesus had a better strategy: Forgive those who have “bumped” us. Like Peter, we may wonder how many times we have to forgive. When Peter asked Jesus, “Up to seven times?” Jesus answered “Up to seventy times seven”. In other words, there are no limits to grace. We should always extend a spirit of forgiveness. Why? In the story of the forgiving master, Jesus explained that we forgive not because our offenders deserve it but because we've been forgiven. He says, “I forgave you... because you begged me. Should you not also have had compassion on your fellow servant, just as I had pity on you?”

Since we are among those who've been forgiven much, let's stop the damage and share the blessing with others.

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Matthew 18:21-22 ²¹*Then Peter came to Him and said, “Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Up to seven times?”*

²²*Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven.(NKJV)*

“Doing Life Together”



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