APRIL 17, 2016 SERMON NOTES No wiggle room – we must forgive! *Matthew* 6:9-15

I. Children of God forgive.

A. Why is forgiveness so hard?

Forgiveness is not about the other person; ______.

B. Refusing to forgive is not an ______ for believers.

Matthew 6: ⁹ "Pray, then, in this way: 'Our Father who is in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. ¹⁰ Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. ¹¹ Give us this day our daily bread. ¹² And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. ¹³ And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.'

¹⁴ For if you forgive others for their transgressions, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. ¹⁵ But if you do not forgive others, then your Father will not forgive your transgressions.

Jesus is not speaking of the initial act of _____.

Jesus is speaking forgiveness that a broken relationship with God.

The key evidence of our salvation (forgiveness) is by our _____.

Forgiving others is possible because of ______.

C. How to forgive?

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