



# WORDS TO LIVE BY

## Week 2

### BREAKING THE ICE

- What was your favorite childhood pet?
- What is your favorite part about spring and why?

### MAIN CONTENT

Pastor Kevin started out the sermon today with an analogy of a typewriter. Typewriters are a prime example of making mistakes that are very hard to go back and fix. We all make mistakes or say things that we regret. It is inevitable. It is what we do after we make a mistake that matters. Simply saying “I’m sorry” works wonders, but pride and shame keep us from always saying I’m sorry. We are able to cause pain out of anger, but the Lord calls us to humble ourselves and admit when we are wrong.

Ephesians 4:6 says “Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger.”

Conflict is inevitable, but it is what we do with that conflict that matters. Some examples of what we are to do include feeling remorse, accepting responsibility and restitution.

1. Why is it so difficult to accept responsibility when in conflict?
2. Why is it important to “not let the sun go down on your anger?”
3. How does God call us to deal with conflict?

Kevin went on to explain that it is our responsibility to ask the Lord to search our hearts of any wrongful deeds. Jesus calls us to be at peace with those around us. This means going to them and making amends.

1 John 4:20 says, "If anyone says, "I love God," yet hates his brother, he is a liar. For anyone who does not love his brother, whom he has seen, cannot love God, whom he has not seen. And he has given us this command: Whoever loves God must also love his brother."

Jesus was the ultimate atonement for our sins. Knowing this, we should be able to go freely to our brothers and sisters and forgive and ask forgiveness. Jesus paid for all of it on the cross. He was the ultimate sacrifice so that we may live in peace with those around us and be set free!

4. Have you asked the Lord recently to reveal any wrongful deeds in your heart?
5. Do you have any example of a restored relationship when you asked for forgiveness?
6. Why do you think God cares so much about His children restoring relationships?

## CLOSING PRAYER

Dear Lord, we praise you for today. We thank you for being the ultimate sacrifice for us. Thank you for restoring relationships. Give us strength to enter into the hard conversations that will ultimately bring about restoration. Give us peace that you are with us in these conversations, Lord. We believe that you can do miracles. Bring us together Lord Jesus, we praise you for all that you are, in Jesus name, amen.

## ACTION STEP

- Pray and ask the Lord about what relationships He wants to restore in your life.
- Come spend Easter at Cross Point with us!
- If you don't already serve on a volunteer team, we'd love for you to consider getting involved before Easter to help even more people find and follow Jesus:  
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