

# THE LIVE WIRE

## ARE YOU DRINKING POISON?

Unless there is a holiday, every week I come in to write the Live Wire blind. I pray every Thursday night that God will give me something that inspires my writing. And let me tell you, he never has disappointed. Today, I felt inspired to write about forgiveness. Not only in my daily devotional but also while reading the Word the topic of forgiveness came up. I read something I have never heard before but that really spoke to me. "Holding onto anger is like drinking poison and expecting the other person to die." Recently, I have had someone do me wrong. It really hurt and I wanted revenge. Thankfully I felt the Holy Spirit convicting me to not get revenge but to forgive them. It took me some time and I

definitely did not feel good those few days. By holding in that anger I was taking poison and expecting the other person to be effected by it, when in reality that person didn't know and didn't care. Like I mentioned last week, I am reading 3 chapters a day in the book of Psalm. In Psalm 25 it says, "For your name's sake, O Lord, pardon my guilt, for it is great. Who is the man who fears the Lord? Him will he instruct in the way that he should choose. His soul shall abide in well-being, and his offspring shall inherit the land. The friendship of the Lord is for those who fear him, and he makes known to them his covenant." Here we see David asking God for forgiveness and by doing so

God will direct David and the results are that his soul abides in well-being. Forgiveness is not just for those who have done us wrong, it is also for ourselves. God has made it so that we may have peace and so our souls can rest, knowing that God forgives us. So with that I encourage you to forgive, not just others but also yourself once you have asked for forgiveness, because he forgives you and wants you to feel his friendship and know his covenant. Stop drinking the poison and forgive.

**Abbie Cornelius**

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

JULY:

17: Carol Dombey, Ruth Eichhammer

18: Julie Darr

21: Aubrey Clark, Scott Graham,

Ben Scott, Elsa Sherman,

William Upchurch

22: Ken Borg

23: Emma Agronovitz, David Oakey

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