Title: “Come to the Cross”
Text: Matthew 6:13: “and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors”

Target: The Lord’s Prayer or model prayer is a revelation of the character of God as Father, King, Provider, Forgiver, Leader and Deliverer revealing a rhythm of invitation and challenge. Therefore, our relationship with God spiritually is to permeate our relationships physically, causing God to become most visible in our lives when we embrace and model forgiveness.

I. Forgiveness is about Favor: “and”

Note: At the root of the word “forgiveness” is the word “give” thus creating a connection back to the word “give” in verse 11 concerning physical provision.

II. Forgiveness is about Fellowship: “forgive our debts”

Observation: There are five different words for “sin” used in the New Testament:

- Romans 3:23: “missing the mark” - Archery terminology.
- Eph. 2:1, Col. 3:13: “offenses” or “trespass” - Carelessness leading to slipping or falling.
- James 2:9: “transgression” - Intentional crossing of the boundaries.
- Matt. 6:12: “debt, debtor or ought.” - Owed or obligation to another party.

III. Forgiveness is about Forgiveness: “we have forgiven”

- The Effects of un-forgiveness
- The Encouragement in forgiveness

IV. Forgiveness is about Freedom: “our debtors”

I am not a victim
I am a child of God
I am redeemed
I am chosen
precious in my father’s sight, and loved beyond measure.
I am forgiven
I am free to forgive others,
this is who I am,
This is my identity

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