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# An Encouraging Word Taylor Creek Church

By Pastor Jason Katen



## Freedom in Forgiveness

Studies are showing forgiveness is not only good theology but also good medicine. Medical research shows that forgiving is good for the soul and body.

- People who forgive:
- Benefit from better immune functioning and lower blood pressure.
  - Have better mental health than people who do not forgive.
  - Feel better physically.
  - Experience less anger and fewer symptoms of anxiety and depression.
  - Maintain more satisfying and long-lasting relationships.

“When we allow ourselves to feel like victims or sit around dreaming up how to retaliate against people who have hurt us, these thought patterns take a toll on our minds and bodies,” says Michael McCullough, director of research for the National Institute for Healthcare Research and a co-author of *To Forgive is Human: How to Put Your Past in the Past*.

Failure to forgive or be willing and ready to forgive makes us a slave to someone else’s sin. When we become consumed with wanting to be justified and hold on to a grudge or hurt feelings, we need to ask ourselves, “Who is controlling who?” In many cases, the one who has offended you does not care or may not even know they have offended you, and you are holding on to what they are not.

This is no way to live. We should always be ready in our hearts to forgive. Jesus made this clear to Peter when he asked: “ ‘Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother when he sins against me? Up to seven times?’ Jesus answered, ‘I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.’” - Matthew 18:21-22. Jesus did say that we are to forgive every time we are asked to, but if in our heart we are not ready to, regardless, we will be controlled and consumed by it. We need to be careful that we do not let the Devil have victory in our lives because of our inability to forgive. It does not matter how bad the offense, if we cannot forgive and allow the Lord to deal with it as He promises (“It is mine to avenge; I will repay, says the Lord.” Romans 12:19), we will have issues of resentment, anger, bitterness, and depression.

“Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you” - Colossians 3:13. It is most likely that you may need to seek God’s forgiveness for your own sins first - John 3:16-18.

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On 04/28/2025, at approximately 23:47 hours, officers were dispatched to a 911 Hang-Up in the 22800 block of Poplar AVE SE. Officers arrived on scene and contacted occupants at the residence. Officers determined that no crime was committed and the call was accidental.

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On 04-29-25, at approximately 10:49 hours, Officers received a call from Valley Communication Radio regarding a vehicle collision. Officers responded to the 21900 block of SE 296th ST and located a Honda Accord into a tree. Officers conducted a traffic collision investigation and determined that the driver lost control when attempting to make a left turn in an intersection and struck a tree on the north side of 219th AVE SE. There were no injuries and the vehicle was towed to a local collision center.

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On 04/30/2025, Officers were dispatched to a report of illegal dumping. It was reported a subject was throwing garbage into the dumpster of a business located in the 31200 block of 3rd AVE. Officers arrived on scene and contacted the involved parties. The subject who had dumped his trash into the dumpster agreed not to in the future. Officers cleared the scene.

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On 04/30/3025, Officers made contact with a female who was at the Police Department to report an order violation. The female is the petitioner listed on the order and her son is listed as the respondent. She advised she received a text notification from a dental company due to her son using her phone number at the location. She also advised her son had been texting her husband. There was no evidence to support he had attempted to make contact with her by 3rd party. At this time no crime has been committed. This incident was documented for informational purposes only. The petitioner was provided a case number for her records.

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On 05/01/2025 at approximately 1739 hours an officer was dispatched the intersection of SE Evergreen Street and Chestnut Ave SE in reference to a small child in the area who was not

being watched by an adult. Upon arrival it was discovered there were more than 10 small children playing on bicycles and scooters on the sidewalk in the area. The children were not found to be in distressed, no problems were located.

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On 05/01/2025 at approximately 1929 hours, an officer was dispatched to the 31100 block of 3rd Ave in reference to a dispute. Upon arrival the reporting party advised the husband of a property manager was harassing the reporting party and made threats to impound the reporting parties vehicle and was aggressive while doing so. The reporting party was provided resources and information on how to obtain a restraining order. No evidence of a crime was identified.

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On 05/01/2025 at approximately 2228 hours, officers were dispatched to the 25500 block of Lawson Street in reference to an anonymous caller advising someone who was just visiting their neighbor had harassed them. The reporting party advised the subject left the area in a vehicle and requested an area check but did not wish to identify themselves or to be contacted by police. A check of the area of officers yielding no evidence of a crime or subjects lingering in the area.

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On 5/2/2025 at 0430 hours, the Black Diamond Police Department responded to a verbal domestic incident near the 23400 block of Luna Ct. It was reported that a boyfriend and girlfriend had been verbal

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# When Coal Was King

## By Bill Kombol

Over the past month, this column has featured photos of the four Northern Pacific (N.P.) railway stations that served Kanaskat in southeast King County. The first Kanaskat depot was built in 1900, after N.P. constructed a new rail line that crossed the Green River from the Palmer station, about 1/2 mile to the south, and then headed west through Ravensdale and Covington en route to Auburn. After that original Victorian-style depot burned to the ground on Dec. 30, 1943, an ‘outfit’ car, normally used to house traveling maintenance workers was converted into a temporary rail depot. A proper brick station was built in 1946 and still stands in a state of disrepair. It was replaced by a duplicate depot in 1959 to accommodate construction of the Howard Hanson Dam seven miles upstream on the Green River.

This scale house, like similar structures which existed at other depot locations, was located directly across from the 1959 brick station. The apparatus was a Fairbanks-Morse track scale capable of weighing multiple carloads of commodities shipped by rail from Kanaskat. Four rails comprised of two sets of tracks, passed in front of these scale houses. The main tracks bypassed the scale allowing through movement of trains. Cars shunted to the side track by switching crews were individually weighed while momentarily still, followed by a succession of additional rail cars needing to be weighed. The station agent or night operators typically performed scaling duties. If they were busy, train crew members could step in and do the work.

Car weighing at Kanaskat was discontinued by N.P. in 1961. In 1967, the unused scale house was purchased by an employee, Dave Sprau, who provided much of the railroad information for this and previous columns. The purchase price was \$20. It was skidded to the site of his mobile home about 300 feet distant and used for storage. That site, sans mobile home, can be seen near the trees at the far right of this Sept. 14, 1959, King County Assessor photo. In 1971, Sprau built a home on Sugarloaf Mountain near Kangley and moved there, “scale house and all.”

David Sprau began his career with N.P. on May 28, 1960. Nine years later, he joined the Great Northern Railway. The following year, 1970, those two railroads merged with Pacific Coast, Spokane, Portland & Seattle, and Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroads to form Burlington Northern. To this day, its successor, Burlington Northern



Santa Fe operates the rail lines passing by the spot where this scale house once stood.

During his 40 year career, Sprau was a telegraph operator, train dispatcher, locomotive fireman (engineer trainee), and later was superintendent of a short-line railroad which later became part of Tacoma Rail. Active in union affairs, he also served as Local Chairman for Seattle train dispatchers for several years, as well as Burlington Northern System General Chairman for the American Train Dispatchers’ Association from 1981 to 1983.

This scale house photo, one of several from King County Assessor tax parcel #102107-9020 comes courtesy of Puget Sound Regional Archives. Photo editing and colorization were undertaken by Doug ‘Boomer’ Burnham, a Tahoma high school instructor doing business as <http://www.boomersphotography.com/>

Next week we visit a Section Foreman’s home that Northern Pacific built in 1910, and still stands at its original location.


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Date of First Publication of this Notice: Tuesday, May 20, 2025. Dated: May 13, 2025  
/s/ Jennifer A. Gellner: Jennifer A. Gellner, Gellner Law, Attorney for Personal Representative, WSBA #30701  
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**Skyway Towing & Recovery RTTO 5191 & RTTO 5023** 2025 S 341st Pl., Federal Way, WA 98003  
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with each other and the male half soon left. When doing so, it was reported the male half intentionally hit the female's vehicle, causing damage. The male was unable to be located at this time and will be criminally cited for the crime.

On 05/02/2025, Officers were dispatched to a residence located in the 31100 block of 3rd AVE in regard to a report of an order violation. Officers located the suspect and he was arrested and booked into SCORE Jail.

On 05/02/2025, at approximately 21:52 hours, officers were dispatched to a party complaint in the 25800 block of Lawson ST. Officers arrived on scene and spoke with the parties, who advised they would turn the music down. The reporting party called a second time advising that the music was back up and children were outside making noise. Officers spoke with the parties again and they turned the music down.

On 5/3/2025 at 2054 hours, the Black Diamond Police Department conducted a traffic stop with a vehicle near the 28800 block of 216th Avenue SE after observing a traffic violation. Through investigation, Officer's determined the driver had an invalid trip permit. Officer's seized the trip permit for destruction.

On 5/4/2025 at 0159 hours, the Black Diamond Police Department responded to a verbal dispute in the 33600 block of Walnut Avenue SE. It was discovered a husband and wife were intoxicated and got into a

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**ABANDONED VEHICLE AUCTION**  
**Todd's Towing,** 1410 East North Bend Way, North Bend, WA 98045. Auction: **Saturday, June 7, 2025.** Preview @ 9 a.m. Auction at 10 a.m. 425-888-3414.

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**ABANDONED VEHICLE AUCTION**  
**US Towing,** 24816 Pacific Hwy South, Kent, WA 98032. **Friday, June 6, 2025.** Viewing at 10 a.m. **Auction at 11 a.m.** 206-824-3448.  
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verbal argument. No crime was committed and Officer's cleared the scene.

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On 05/04/2025, officers were dispatched to an animal complaint at the 22800 block of SE Fir St. The caller reported that 2 dogs were locked inside of a vehicle that was parked in an apartment parking lot. Officers investigated the incident and observed the dogs had access to food, water and a clean shelter. Officers contacted the owner who advised they were in the process of rehoming their dogs due to their children's allergies and took their dogs out regularly. There were no indications of any abuse to the animals.

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On 05/05/2025, Officers were dispatched to assist the Fire Department in relation to fire call VF250000714. Fire requested Officers open the gate on Botts DR in order to use the access roads. The gate was secured after Fire completed their call for service.

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On 05/06/2025, officers were flagged down at a gas station at the 32600 block of 3rd Ave. The reporting party advised officers that two suspicious subjects stole items from a metal clothing donation box on the east side of the property. This case is currently under investigation.

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