

SERMON NOTES

I John 1

Jan. 22, 2023

Hineni: Here I Am. . .To Forgive Pastor Scott Suskovic

I. Nelson Mandela and South Africa

II. Hineni: Part II

A. Last week: Worldly Attitudes about Forgiveness

B. This week: Living in Community with Forgiveness

III. Why Did There Have to be a Cross?

A. For God to be just, there had to be a cross

1. Problem when over-emphasized
2. The abused child

B. For God to be love, there had to be a cross

1. Problem when over-emphasized
2. The spoiled child

C. For God to be both, there had to be a cross

IV. Story of Rachel Denhollander

A. Book, What is a Girl Worth?

B. Struggle with her Christian faith

1. To forgive. . .what about justice?
2. To seek justice. . .what about love?

C. Justice and love come together at the cross

D. ***If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all righteousness.*** (1 John 1)

V. Hineni

A. Where is God calling you to say, "Hineni, here I am to forgive?"

B. Justice and love coming together at the cross