



"Table Talk" With Johan and Sonja Hinderlie

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Purpose: To help people practice forgiveness in their relationships using the experience of Martin and Katie Luther.

God has called us to live in the freedom of forgiveness through loving one another, forgiving one another as God in Christ has forgiven us (Ephesians 4: 32).

The story of Martin and Katie Luther is used to help illustrate this practice of forgiveness. Their presentation reveals how they practiced forgiveness in their relationship with their parents, the institutions from which they were liberated and with each other as husband and wife.

Martin and Katie will share stories from their lives in three segments In the 90 minute event, which includes time for food, participants have three opportunities to talk with one other person about their experience of being forgiven and forgiving.

## EACH OF THE THREE PRESENTATIONS IS FOLLOWED BY ONE QUESTION WHICH IS SHARED BETWEEN TWO PEOPLE

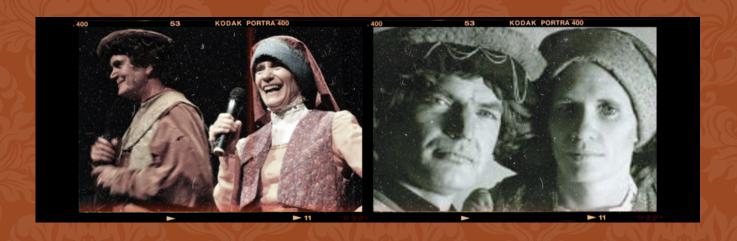
- 1. The first question: how has forgiveness helped you deal with feeling trapped or constrained under some authority (an institution, a job, parents, teacher, coach, or boss)?
- 2. The second question: how have you dealt with unforgiveness in your life...(especially with family relationships)?
- 3. The third question: how you have dealt with resentment with any experience that has occurred in your life?

After discussing the third question, the participants have the opportunity to confess to God any resentment they may be carrying. At this point, the other person absolves them of their anger. In this way, we teach people that as members of the priesthood of all believers, we are called to hear confession and to offer absolution. We help people discover the power forgiveness in Jesus has over resentment and guilt.

At the conclusion, Johan and Sonja take off some their costume and share some examples of how forgiveness frees people.

Participants are encouraged to talk about the ways resentment controls people in our culture. This final portion gives participants time to ask more personal questions and perhaps speak privately with the Hinderlies.

When a meal is served, or snacks, it is best offered at the beginning of the event.



The Hinderlies have portrayed the Luther's faith story since 1979. They have shared this drama for worship services over 300 times. Now they are using the "Table Talk" event. This event will present the meaningful Luther drama in a casual setting like a fellowship hall.

The "Table Talk" event will take 90 minutes including the practices on how to live free from resentment and guilt.

The cost for the presentation, including any materials, is FREE due to a grant bequest which Ground Up Grace, Inc has received. The host organization is responsible for the food served, any local publicity and a \$200 travel fee.

This travel fee is the same for any "Table Talk" presentation anywhere in the United States.

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