Title: No baggage allowed – lightening the load

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Baggage defined

Baggage: Unresolved incidents or relational disappointments

Baggage: intangible things (as feelings, circumstances, or beliefs) that get in the way

Debt free living – "You owe me nothing"

Baggage is there because of debt owed.

1 Peter 4:8 (NKJV) ⁸ And above <u>all things</u> have <u>fervent love</u> for one another, for "love will cover a multitude of sins"

Why is a "covering of sin" necessary? For the sake of the relationship.

Forgiveness? Is to give what God has given us.

Matthew 6:14 (NKJV) 14 "For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.

Forgiveness is about setting vourself free.

Love heals - "I owe you love"

Romans 13:8 (NKJV) ⁸ Owe no one anything except <u>to love</u> one another, for he who loves another has fulfilled the law.

- **You owe me nothing. I owe you love
 - "You are first"
 - "I am second"

God's unconditional <u>love empowers us to love</u> our spouse or partner.

The Healer

Jesus has come to heal the broken hearted.

2 Corinthians 3:16–17 (ESV) ¹⁶ But when <u>one turns</u> to the Lord, the veil is removed. ¹⁷ Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where <u>the Spirit of the Lord is</u>, there is <u>freedom</u>.

1 John 3:16 (NKJV) ¹⁶ By this we <u>know</u> love, because <u>He laid down His life</u> for us. And <u>we also</u> ought to <u>lay down</u> our lives for the brethren.

^{*}Baggage leads to wounds + lies.