

FORGIVENESS BRINGS FREEDOM

-Monica Schmelzer

But when you are praying, first forgive anyone you are holding a grudge against, so that your Father in heaven will forgive your sins, too.

-Mark 11:25 NLT

Then Peter came to him and asked, "Lord, how often should I forgive someone who sins against me? Seven times?" "No, not seven times," Jesus replied, "but seventy times seven.

-Matthew 18:21-22 NLT

Truth #1 : Fear God

"Four marks of true repentance are: acknowledgement of wrong, willingness to confess it, willingness to abandon it, and willingness to make restitution." - Corrie Ten Boom

Truth #2: Establish Boundaries

"Whether God answers you with a suddenly or a slowly, it's still a miracle when God heals a hurting heart and gives you the desire and ability to forgive. - Messy to Meaningful Part 2

Truth #3: Forgiveness is about our Savior

"Forgiveness is not about the offence or the offender. Forgiveness is about our Savior, and His desire for us to live free from the power and penalty of sin." - Messy to Meaningful Part 2

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I pray that your love will overflow more and more, and that you will keep on growing in knowledge and understanding. For I want you to understand what really matters, so that you may live pure and blameless lives until the day of Christ's return. May you always be filled with the fruit of your salvation—the righteous character produced in your life by Jesus Christ for this will bring much glory and praise to God.

-Philippians 1:9-11 NLT

Takeaway -

We are never closer to the character and nature of Christ than when we forgive those who sin against us.

Notes:



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I open my heart to you and ask you to heal my heart and give me the willingness and strength to forgive: (list person, area/s etc.)

also ask you to bless those that have hurt me because this is what you have called me to do and so that you can bless my life.

In Jesus Name, Amen.

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SORTING IT OUT

Let's start sorting it out with 1 Peter 3:9 NLT.

Don't repay evil for evil. Don't retaliate with insults when people insult you. Instead, pay them back with a blessing. That is what God has called you to do, and he will grant you his blessing.

-1 Peter 3:9 NLT

Who/what do I need to forgive?

Are there areas in which I am holding on to unforgiveness, or that I am returning evil for evil or insult for insult?

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If so, ask God to help you understand forgiveness from His perspective. Write what He shows you about forgiveness in the space provided below.

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Would you pray this brave prayer along with me?

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