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Fresh Start With Others

Luke 11:2-4 (NIV)

²Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. ³Give us each day our daily bread. ⁴**Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us.** And lead us not into temptation.

Forgiving Others Is Not:

1. _____ their actions
2. _____ the passage of time
3. _____ that you are hurt

The Biblical Process For Forgiveness:

1. _____ how much I have been forgiven

Isaiah 1:18 (NASB)

¹⁸"Come now, and let us reason together," says the LORD, "Though your sins are as scarlet, they will be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they will be like wool."

The Unforgiving Servant – Matthew 18:23-35

Matthew 18:35 (NASB)

³⁵My heavenly Father will also do the same to you, if each of you does not forgive his brother from your heart.

The Prodigal Son – Luke 15:11-32

2. _____ the person entirely

Romans 12:17-19 (NIV)

¹⁷Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everybody. ¹⁸If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. ¹⁹Do not take revenge, my friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord.

3. _____ God's purpose in the process

Romans 8:28 (NASB)

²⁸And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

Genesis 50:19-20 (NASB)

¹⁹But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid, for am I in God's place? ²⁰As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good in order to bring about this present result..."

4. _____ the relationship (as much as possible)

Romans 12:18 (NASB)

¹⁸If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all men.

Romans 12:21 (NASB)

²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

5. _____ the process

Matthew 18:22 (NASB)

²²Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven."

Matthew 6:14-15 (NASB)

¹⁴For if you forgive others for their transgressions, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. ¹⁵But if you do not forgive others, then your Father will not forgive your transgressions.

Forgiveness is unlocking the door to set someone free and realizing you were the prisoner.

-Max Lucado

My Next Step Today Is...

- Memorize Luke 11:2-4
- Forgive those I have been carrying a grudge against
- Sign up for Newcomers
- Sign up for a Small Group next weekend