

LEARNING TRUE FORGIVENESS

How To Be A Peacemaker - Part 2 of 3

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WHAT FORGIVENESS IS NOT

- 1) Not minimizing the seriousness of the offense.
- 2) Not instant restoration of trust.
- 3) Not a right to forgive if you're not the victim.
- 4) Not resuming the relationship without any changes.
- 5) Not a one time experience.

“Peter asked, ‘Lord, how often should I forgive someone who sins against me? Seven times?’ ‘No,’ Jesus replied, ‘seventy times seven!’”
Matthew 18:21-22 (NLT)

I’M WALKING IN TRUE FORGIVENESS WHEN I REALIZE

1. They _____ what they are doing.

“When they came to the place called the Skull, there they crucified him, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. Jesus said, ‘Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.’”
Luke 23:34

Jesus: **“Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.”**
Luke 6:38 (TNIV)

“...People will reap exactly what they sow.”
Galatians 6:7 (GN)

“Husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. After all, people have never hated their own bodies, but they feed and care for them...”
Ephesians 5:28-29 (TNIV)

2. I _____ when I resent others.

“It will all come back on you...forgive, and you will be forgiven.”
Luke 6:37 (LB/NIV)

“Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.”
Romans 8:37 (NKJV)

3. I can forgive without _____.

“Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it and struck the high priest’s servant, cutting off his right ear. (The servant’s name was Malchus.) Jesus commanded Peter, ‘Put your sword away!’”
John 18:10-11 (TNIV)

“But Jesus answered, ‘No more of this!’ And he touched the man’s ear and healed him.”
Luke 22:51 (NIV)

“God is love. If we keep on loving others, we will stay one in our hearts with God, and he will stay one with us.”
1 John 4:16 (CEV)

4. I forgive for _____.

“So if the Son sets you free, you are truly free.”
John 8:36 (NLT)

“David sent someone to find out about her. The man said, ‘Isn’t this Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam and the wife of Uriah the Hittite?’”
2 Samuel 11:3 (NIV)

“While Absalom was offering sacrifices, he also sent for Ahithophel the Gilonite, David’s counselor...”
2 Samuel 15:12 (NIV)

“Absalom said to Ahithophel, ‘Give us your advice. What should we do?’ Ahithophel answered, ‘Lie with your father’s concubines whom he left to take care of the palace. Then all Israel will hear that you have made yourself a stench in your father’s nostrils, and the hands of everyone with you will be strengthened.’”
2 Samuel 16:20-21 (NIV)

“When Ahithophel saw that his advice had not been followed, he saddled his donkey and set out for his house in his hometown. He put his house in order and then hanged himself.”
2 Samuel 17:23 (NIV)