

“Some Things Are Too Big To Forgive!”

Satan, who is the god of this world, has **blinded the minds** of those who don't believe. They are unable to see the glorious light of the Good News. - **2 Corinthians 4:4 NLT**

WHAT JESUS SAID ABOUT FORGIVENESS

“This, then, is how you should pray: ‘Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And **forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.**’ - **Matthew 6:9-12 NIV**

“For **if you forgive other people** when they sin against you, **your heavenly Father will also forgive you.** But **if you do not** forgive others their sins, **your Father will not** forgive your sins.” - **Matthew 6:14-15 NIV**

WHEN SOMETHING SEEMS UNFORGIVABLE

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“Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and **be reconciled to them;** then come and offer your gift.” - **Matthew 5:23-24 NIV**

- **Unforgiveness: “Living in a prison of offense.”**

“You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I tell you, love your enemies and **pray for those who persecute you.**” - **Matthew 5:43-44 NIV**

- **Your Prayer May Or May Not Change _____,
But It Always Changes _____!**

Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. **Forgive as the Lord forgave you.** - **Colossians 3:13 NIV**

- **Forgiveness: “Holding a grudge doesn't make you strong. It makes you bitter. Forgiving doesn't make you weak. It sets you free.”**

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DISCUSSION GUIDE

- What grudges are you having difficulty letting go?
- Read Matthew 5:23-24. Why does forgiveness matter so much to God?
- How do you forgive something that seems unforgivable?
- Forgiveness isn't fair and it doesn't mean forgetting, but it does mean giving others what God has given us. What are some ways you can forgive and still set boundaries?
- Forgiving yourself is difficult. What steps could you take this week to accept God's forgiveness?
- What did God speak to you during this message? Discuss it.
- How can you begin to pray this week to live in forgiveness?