

bible declaration

Why did the farmer have to separate the chicken and the turkey? *He sensed fowl play.*

November month of forgiveness

LETS REVIEW SCRIPTURE ON FORGIVENESS

Micah 7:18 NIV

Who is a God like you,
who pardons sin and forgives the transgression
of the remnant of his inheritance?
You do not stay angry forever
but delight to show mercy.

Luke 6:37-38 NIV

37 “Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. 38 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.”

Colossians 3:13

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

Ephesians 4:31-32

31 Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. 32 Be kind and compassionate to

one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

Romans 3:23-24

23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

BEAUTIFUL SCRIPTURES ON FORGIVENESS AND THE GRACE OF JESUS CHRIST

It is often a tradition to go around the Thanksgiving table and tell what we are thankful for. Most people say they are thankful for family, friends, health, a roof over their heads, food on the table, etc. I have yet to hear someone say they are thankful for forgiveness. We don't tend to think of forgiveness as a gift. Rather, we think of it as an action that we choose to impart on another person or not. However, to the person who has been forgiven, it is something to be thankful for. More importantly, but mostly neglected, is that the choice to forgive someone of a wrong-doing is actually a very powerful gift given to us by God. Therefore, we can be thankful for forgiveness.

THANKFUL FOR FORGIVENESS

**WE UNDERSTAND THAT WE ARE FORGIVEN AND THAT WE
MUST FORGIVE
BUT DO WE HAVE AN ATTITUDE OF FORGIVENESS?**

we all want to be forgiven, but we don't always want to forgive

sing song--- did you ever know that your my hero,
-----everything I wanted to be
this is how we sing it
----- did you ever know that your a zero
----- no one that I ever want to see

this is where we need to grow, mature in our giving of a gift we
have been given.

we must understand that **FORGIVENESS IS A GIFT.**

I am glad God chose to forgive me through Jesus Christ

when did we choose to stop forgiving someone

when the love of Christ is in you, you have the same forgiveness
that Jesus gives

**YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS DIRECTLY AFFECTS YOUR
ABILITY TO FORGIVE**

this does not mean because we forgive someone we continue to
put ourselves in a situation so we can be hurt and abused over
and over.

God wants to free you from the Hurt and that means total
freedom

what if you are on the other side of this and you have caused hurt the answer is the same - your relationship with Jesus directly affects your ability to stop hurting others

Remember we talked about
Hurt People Hurt People

BE HEALED OF THE HURT THROUGH GIVING FORGIVENESS

and then we can give forgiveness

sometimes we can get proud of ourselves because God has washed us clean. And we think we had something to do with it

and we look down on others -- remember we are filthy rags without the washing blood of Jesus

IT DOESN'T TAKE BUT A SHORT TRIP TO THE DEVILS PLAYGROUND TO GET ALL DIRTY AGAIN.

when we grow in that relationship we realize how much we are in need of forgiveness. And it turns to forgiveness and grace to others

WHAT IF WE FOCUSED ON THE THINGS THAT UNITE US AS MUCH AS THE THINGS THAT DIVIDE US.

To grumble and complain is to reject the forgiveness of Jesus

Imagine our lives, our relationships, our homes, our mental health if we choose to be thankful for forgiveness.

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scriptures on thankfulness

1 Chronicles 16:34

34 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

1 Thessalonians 5:18

18 give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus

Colossians 3:15

15 Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.

Ephesians 2:8

8 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—

being thankful is a choice and forgiving is a choice

lets choose today to be thankful for forgiveness

lets choose today to live everyday as Jesus lives thankful and full of forgiveness.