

A serene winter forest scene. A snow-covered path leads through a dense forest of trees with snow-laden branches. Sunlight filters through the trees, creating a warm, golden glow. The word "MARRIAGE" is written in a clean, black, sans-serif font across the center of the image. A faint, cursive watermark of the word "Marriage" is visible behind the main text.

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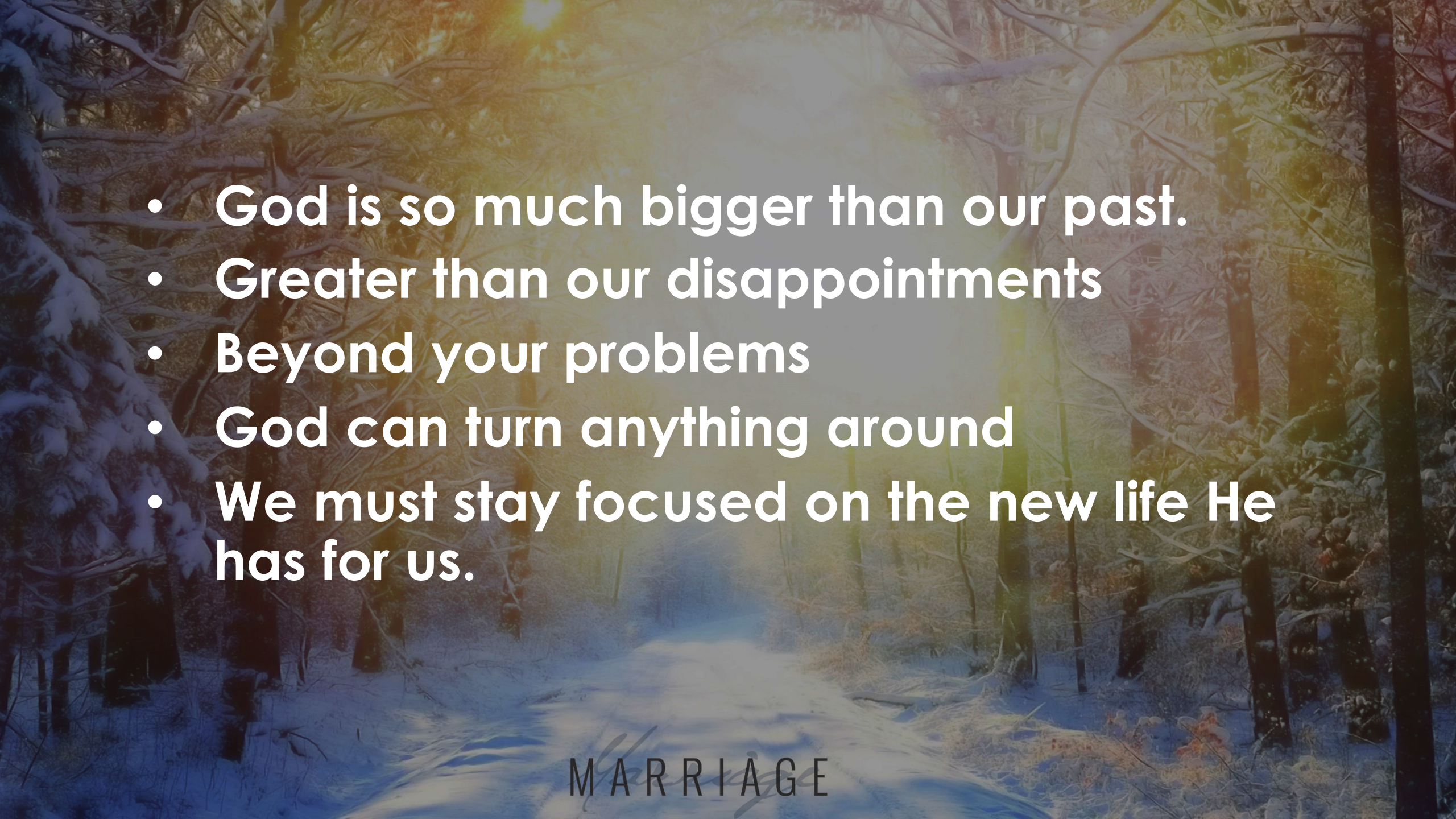










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- God is so much bigger than our past.
  - Greater than our disappointments
  - Beyond your problems
  - God can turn anything around
  - We must stay focused on the new life He has for us.

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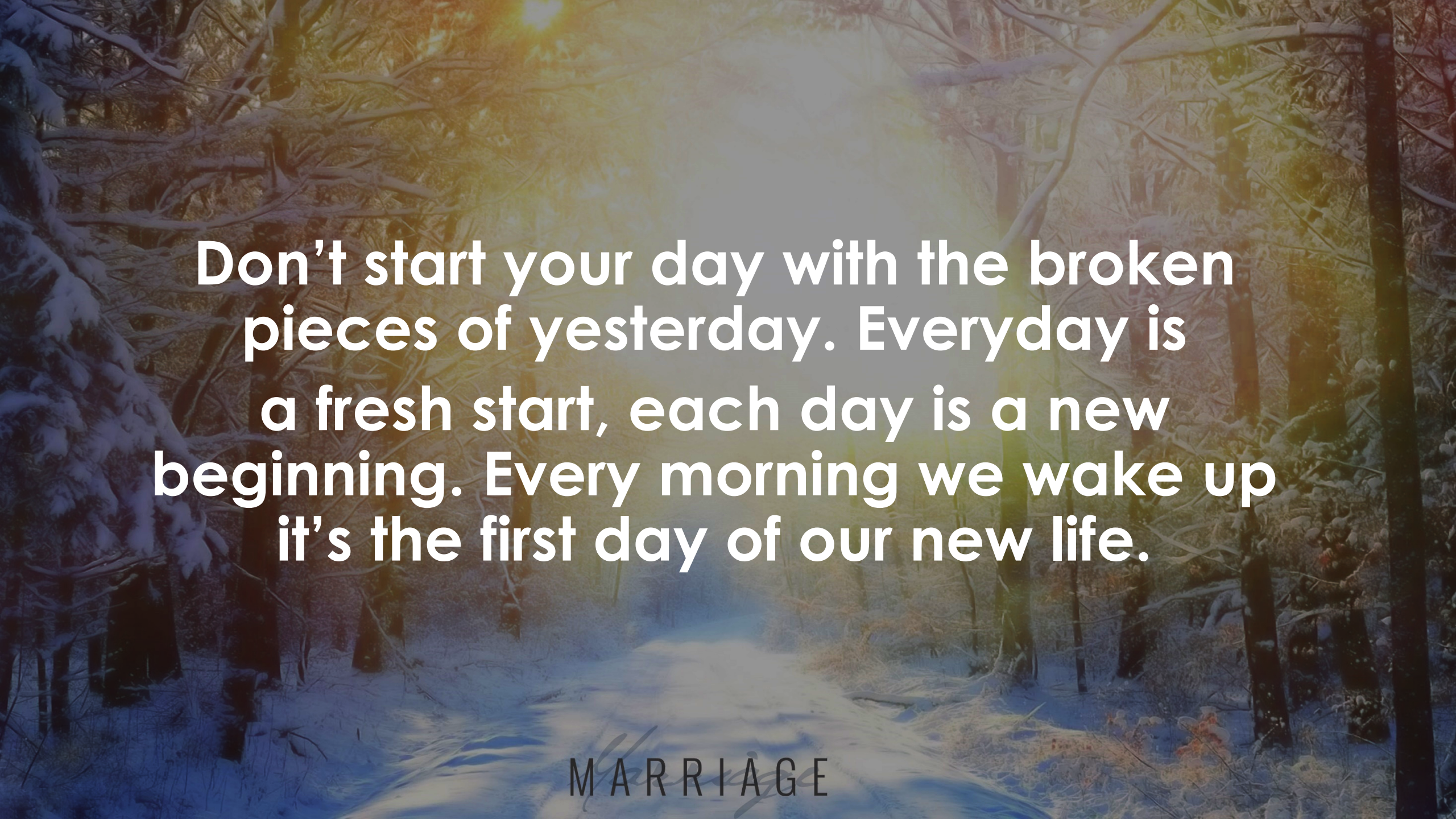












**Don't start your day with the broken pieces of yesterday. Everyday is a fresh start, each day is a new beginning. Every morning we wake up it's the first day of our new life.**

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**Every twenty-four hours God has a fresh supply of grace, mercy, forgiveness, favor, wisdom and hope.**

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# SCRIPTURES ON FORGIVENESS

**GOD'S MINIMUM REQUIREMENT IS THAT: WE FORGIVE**

**Luke 17:3-10**

We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty (When we forgive)

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# SCRIPTURES ON FORGIVENESS

## FORGIVE THOSE OFFENDING YOU:

**Mark 11:25-26**- Forgive if you have aught against any, else God won't forgive you.

**Matthew 6:14-15**-If you forgive men when they sin against you, God will also forgive you.

**Matthew 18:15-17**-Procedure for reconciliation with an offending brother.

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# SCRIPTURES ON FORGIVENESS

IF YOU HAVE OFFENDED SOMEONE:

**Matthew 5:23-24**

For God to accept your gift, you are required to go and be reconciled to your brother.

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# SCRIPTURES ON FORGIVENESS

**GOD WANTS FORGIVENESS FROM THE HEART:**

**Matthew 18:35**

You will be turned over to the tormentors if you do not forgive from your hearts.

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# SCRIPTURES ON FORGIVENESS

GOD WANTS AS MUCH FORGIVENESS AS NECESSARY:

**Matthew 18:21-22**

Forgive up to seventy times seven.

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# SCRIPTURES ON FORGIVENESS

**AFTER WE HAVE GIVEN AND RECEIVED FORGIVENESS,  
GOD'S HEART IS TO FORGIVE:**

**Isaiah 43:25-** "I blot out your transgression for my own sake and remember your sins no more."

**Isaiah 1:18-** "Come, let us reason together, so that your scarlet sins shall be white as snow..."

**Jeremiah 31:31-** "Put My law within them...for they shall know me... for I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more."

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# SCRIPTURES ON FORGIVENESS

## GOD'S FORGIVENESS AND CLEANSING:

**1 John 1:7, 2:2**

“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

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# DEFINING FORGIVENESS

1. TO GRANT RELIEF FROM PAYMENT.
2. TO PARDON, TO EXCUSE OFFENSE WITHOUT PENALTY.
3. TO CEASE TO FEEL RESENTMENT AGAINST THE OFFENDER.
4. TO CANCEL DEBT.
5. TO CHOOSE NOT TO HURT THOSE WHO HAVE HURT YOU.

**THIS REQUIRES AN ACT OF FAITH!**

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# FORGIVENESS

## WHAT FORGIVENESS IS NOT

- It doesn't mean that we deny or ignore the offense, saying that the offense was okay or not important.
- It doesn't mean that the offender will not be held responsible for his actions
- It doesn't mean we are required to stay in relationship with the offender

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# FORGIVENESS

## WHY FORGIVENESS IS NECESSARY

- It is non-negotiable. God requires it.
- It is the principle key that paves the way to freedom in all other ministry areas.
- It breaks the negative spiritual bond between people, releasing both sides into freedom
- The Bible tells us the consequences of not forgiving are severe.
- Humility
- Confession
- Removes the iniquity – the pressure to sin

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# FORGIVE

**PARENTS**

**PASTORS**

**FAMILY**

**LEADERS**

**FRIENDS**

**PEOPLE**

**CO-WORKERS**

**A PERSON**

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# TWO THINGS YOU WANT THE OFFENDER TO DO



**Take Ownership**

**“You did this to me!”**

**“You hurt me!”**

(Acknowledge it)

**Take Responsibility**

**“Take the blame for this!”**

**“Be accountable!”**

(You want the person to bear a sense of guilt, hurt, pain, remorse.)



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# 3 KEYS TO FORGIVING

1. YOU MUST RELEASE YOUR EXPECTATIONS OF OTHERS.
2. RELEASE THEM FROM OWNERSHIP/RESPONSIBILITY.

1 CORINTHIANS 13:4 “...love keeps no record of wrong doing.”

3. You must trust God in order to trust man.

Psalms 118:8 “It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man.”

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**#2. Return, go back, say yes.  
To what?**

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# I Corinthians 13:4-8

Love is patient  
Love is kind  
Love does not envy  
Love does not boast  
Love is not proud  
Love is not rude  
Love is not self-seeking  
Love is not easily angered

Love keeps no record of wrongs  
Love does not delight in evil  
Love rejoices in the truth  
Love protects  
Love always trusts  
Love always hopes  
Love always perseveres  
Love never fails or (give up)

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