

# "Forgiveness Basics"

(With Randy Patten)

## Introduction

### 1. This Topic Deserves Your Careful Attention

- A. Mankind's greatest \_\_\_\_\_ is forgiveness (Romans 6:23)
- B. Forgiveness is necessary for \_\_\_\_\_ (Colossians 2:13)
- C. Christ followers are commanded to forgive \_\_\_\_\_  
in the same way God has forgiven us (Ephesians 4:32)
- D. Seeking and \_\_\_\_\_ forgiveness is a prerequisite to mutual love, the strongest argument for the Christian faith (John 13: 35)
- E. Unreconciled relationships between Christians \_\_\_\_\_  
evangelism and robs churches of a positive community witness

### 2. What Forgiveness is Not

- A. A \_\_\_\_\_ (Luke 17:3-10)
  - 1) Forgiveness is to be granted when a sinner repents, regardless of how you feel at the time (v.3)
  - 2) Forgiveness is to be granted repeatedly on the same day if a sinner repeatedly professes repentance (v. 4)
  - 3) Forgiveness, at its root, is a matter of obedience (vv.5-10)

B. \_\_\_\_\_

- 1) There is no command in the Bible telling us to forget before we forgive
- 2) There is no Scriptural support for the statement, "If you haven't forgotten, you haven't forgiven."
- 3) Forgetting is a frequent byproduct of granting forgiveness, but not always
- 4) References to God forgetting are statements of God promising not to remember our sins against us (Isaiah 43:25; Jeremiah 31:34)

C. \_\_\_\_\_ sin

- 1) Excusing is a form of minimizing sin, of not taking sin seriously
- 2) Excusing is calling sin something other than what God calls it

### 3. What It Means to Forgive

- A. Definition: "Forgiveness is a lifting of the charge of \_\_\_\_\_  
from another, a formal declaration of that fact and a promise, both made and kept, never to remember the wrong against him in the future." (Adams, The Theology of Christian Counseling)
- B. To pass over an \_\_\_\_\_ and free the offender from the guilt of it.
- C. To give up your right for \_\_\_\_\_
- D. "I forgive you" is a \_\_\_\_\_ that:
  - 1) I will not use this against you in the future
  - 2) I will not talk to others about this in the future to use it against you
  - 3) I will not dwell on it myself



## SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES:

8:30 AM  
&  
10:30 AM

**\*Each Worship Service has a Discipleship Hour running at the same time in the Upper Room.**

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## Young Ladies' Groups:

**Daughters of the King, Little Women, and Rosebuds will be meeting on Tuesday, October 7th, from 1-3PM at CBC,** and will continue monthly on the first Tuesday. **Register your kids in the Foyer if you plan to join!**



For young ladies, ages 5-7  
*Led by Connie Mace*

## Little Women

For young ladies, ages 8-12  
**Led by Deborah Large**



### 4. When to Grant Forgiveness

- A. When there is \_\_\_\_\_ (Luke 17:3)
- B. Every time there is a \_\_\_\_\_ of repentance (Matthew 18:21-22)

### 5. Forgiveness Distinctions

- A. The Bible \_\_\_\_\_ both judicial forgiveness and parental forgiveness
- B. Forgiveness for our sins is available but it is \_\_\_\_\_ automatic (Psalm 86:5; Romans 10:9,10)
- C. Forgiven people (Christians) need \_\_\_\_\_ forgiveness (Matthew 6:12b-15; 1 John 1:9)
- D. God expects \_\_\_\_\_ people to be forgiving people (Matthew 18:21-35)
- E. Forgiving people choose to \_\_\_\_\_ on how much they have been forgiven, rather than on how much they have been sinned against

### CONCLUSION

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| Date:                  | 9/07/25 |
| Last Week to Budget %  | 100%    |
| Month to Date Budget % | 100%    |
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