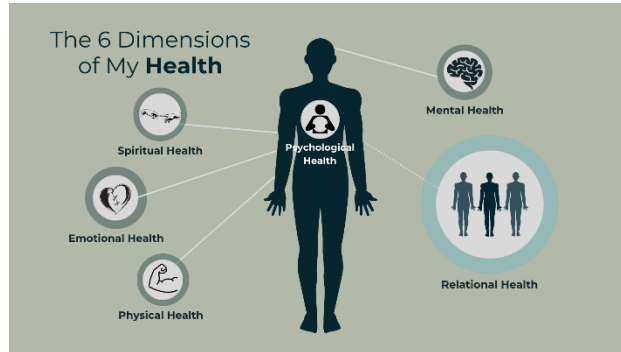


FORGIVING THOSE WHO'VE WOUNDED ME

RESTORE: Week 2

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Why Forgive?

1. **BECAUSE I CANNOT BE LIKE JESUS AND HOLD A GRUDGE.**

"Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them, for they don't know what they are doing.' And the soldiers gambled for his clothes by throwing dice." (Luke 23:34, NLT)

2. **BECAUSE RESENTMENT WILL RUIN ME.**

"Look after each other so that none of you fails to receive the grace of God. Watch out that no poisonous root of bitterness grows up to trouble you, corrupting many." (Hebrews 12:15, NLT)

3. **BECAUSE FORGIVENESS FREES TWO PEOPLE.**

"And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive them, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins." (Mark 11:25, NIV)

HOW DO I FORGIVE?

1. **RELINQUISH MY RIGHT TO GET EVEN.**

"Dear friends, never avenge yourselves. Leave that to God, for he has said that he will repay those who deserve it. Don't take the law into your own hands." (Romans 12:19, The Living Bible)

2. **RELEASE THE OFFENSE.**

Forgive one another as quickly and thoroughly as God in Christ forgave you. Eph 4:32b (The Message)

3. **RECONCILE WHEN POSSIBLE.**

"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)

Requirements for restoration

- 1) **REBUKE** the offender.
"So watch yourselves. "If your brother or sister sins against you, rebuke them; and if they repent, forgive them." (Luke 17:3, NIV)
- 2) **REPENTANCE** on their part.
"First in Damascus and in Jerusalem and then in all Judea and among the Gentiles, I preached that they must repent of their sins and turn to God and do the things that would show they had repented." (Acts 26:20, GNB)
- 3) **RESTITUTION** where applicable.
"...Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "I will give half of my property to the poor. And I will now pay back four times as much to everyone I have ever cheated."" (Luke 19:8, CEV)
- 4) **REBUILD** trust over time.
"And if you are not faithful with other people's things, why should you be trusted...?" (Luke 16:12, NLT)
4. **RESPOND** TO EVIL WITH GOOD.
"But to you who are willing to listen, I say, love your enemies! Do good to those who hate you. Bless those who curse you. Pray for those who hurt you." (Luke 6:27–28, NLT)
5. **REPEAT** THESE STEPS AS LONG AS IT TAKES.
"Then Peter came to him and asked, "Lord, how often should I forgive someone who sins against me? Seven times?" "No, not seven times," Jesus replied, "but seventy times seven!" (Matthew 18:21–22, NLT)

"Joseph named his oldest son Manasseh (meaning "Made to Forget"—what he meant was that God had made up to him for all the anguish of his youth, and for the loss of his father's home)." (Genesis 41:51, The Living Bible)

ACTION STEPS

Forgiveness Seminar

10/25 9:00am-11:30am