



April 30, 2023 | Pastor Keith Krell
Luke 17:1-6 | "Faith-Filled Forgiveness"

Sermon Application Review from Matthew 6:12–15

How did you reclaim God's promise to forgive all of your sins?

Who did you forgive out of sheer obedience to the Lord?

Scripture References

Luke 17:1–6

1 Corinthians 8:12–13

James 5:19–20

Galatians 6:1–2

Colossians 3:12–14

Matthew 5:21–26

Matthew 18:15–17

Study Questions

1. How might a believer cause someone else to stumble in their spiritual life (17:1)? What things in your life might cause Jesus to say, "Be on guard!" (17:3a)? How will you repent of these sins?
2. What is your typical approach to conflict (17:3–4)? Are you more inclined to be too confrontational or not confrontational enough? Describe a conflict that worked out particularly well. How do you know when to overlook an offense (Proverbs 19:11)?
3. How do you respond when another person asks you to forgive him or her (17:3–4)? In what ways are you tempted to be suspicious or cynical? Can you think of a time recently where you lacked humility and this caused tension or conflict in a relationship? What did you do to correct your behavior? If repentance is a prerequisite of forgiveness, how should you respond to someone who appears unrepentant?
4. Discuss the damage that results from an unforgiving attitude. In what ways do you find it difficult to request forgiveness? How has God helped you either seek or offer forgiveness to someone? Is there anyone with whom you have unresolved issues? What can you do to seek reconciliation?
5. How do faith and forgiveness tie together (17:5–6)? What can you do to cultivate your faith? How can you encourage those who feel they don't have the faith necessary to expect great things from God (17:6)?

Recommended Reading

L. Gregory Jones, *Embodying Forgiveness: A Theological Analysis* (Eerdmans, 1995)

Ronald Dunn, *Surviving Friendly Fire: How to Respond When You're Hurt by Someone You Trust* (Thomas Nelson, 2001)

Kenneth C. Newberger, *Hope in the Face of Conflict: Making Peace with Others the Way God Makes Peace with Us* (Three Sons, 2011)