



**One Another - Part 7 - Forgive**  
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Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. <sup>5</sup> It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, *it keeps no record of wrongs.*  
– 1 Corinthians 13:4-5

**MISCONCEPTIONS ABOUT FORGIVENESS**

- We think it means **FORGIVE AND FORGET.**
- We think it means letting people **OFF THE HOOK.**
- We think it means **A FEELING.**

Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.” – Luke 23:34

- Forgiveness: the **CHOICE** to give up my right to get even.

**KEEPING NO RECORD OF WRONGS**

**1) Cancel the DEBT.**

Get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words, and slander, as well as all types of evil behavior. <sup>32</sup> Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you. – Ephesians 4:31-32

The Lord is near the brokenhearted; he delivers those who are discouraged. – Psalm 34:18

**2) Lose the LEDGER.**

Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others. – Colossians 3:13

Love prospers when a fault is forgiven, but dwelling on it separates close friends. – Proverbs 17:9

**3) Transfer your BALANCE TO JESUS.**

So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup> And because you belong to him, the power of the life-giving Spirit has freed you from the power of sin that leads to death.  
– Romans 8:1-2

Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. – Philippians 3:12

He does not punish us for all our sins; he does not deal harshly with us, as we deserve. <sup>11</sup> For his unfailing love toward those who fear him is as great as the height of the heavens above the earth. <sup>12</sup> He has removed our sins as far from us as the east is from the west. – Psalm 103:10-12

- When you know **HOW MUCH** you've been forgiven, you **FORGIVE MUCH.**