## THINGS JESUS NEVER SAID YOU DON'T NEED TO FORGIVE THEM!

"This, then, is how you should pray: 'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, <sup>10</sup> your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. <sup>11</sup> Give us today our daily bread.'" Matthew 6:9-11 NIV

"And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors." Matthew 6:12 NIV

"For <u>if you forgive other people</u> when they sin against you, <u>your heavenly</u> <u>Father will also forgive you</u>. <sup>15</sup>But if you <u>do not forgive others their sins</u>, <u>your Father will not forgive your sins</u>." Matthew 6:14-15 NIV

"This, then, is how you should pray: 'Our Father in heaven ...'" Matthew 6:9 NIV

"Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, <sup>24</sup>leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and <u>be reconciled to them</u>; then come and offer your gift." Matthew 5:23-24 NIV

"You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' 44But I tell you, love your enemies and <u>pray for those who persecute you</u>..." Matthew 5:43-44 NIV

 Your prayer may or may not change others, but it always changes you. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. <u>Forgive as the Lord forgave you</u>. Colossians 3:13 NIV

"In the shadow of my hurt, forgiveness feels like a decision to reward my enemy. But in the shadow of the cross, forgiveness is merely a gift from one undeserving soul to another." — Andy Stanley

"Holding a grudge doesn't make you strong. It makes you bitter. Forgiving doesn't make you weak. It sets you free." — Dave Willis

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## Talk It Over

What grudges are you having difficulty letting go?

Read Matthew 5:23-24. Why does forgiveness matter so much to God?

How do you forgive something that seems unforgivable?

"You Don't Need to Forgive Them!" isn't the only thing Jesus never said.