

**2 Corinthians 2:5-17**  
**We know how the story ends**

**A. Forgiveness is a spiritual battle ever believer can face**

1. Forgiveness was described on 3 levels. How would you describe each?

a. Exoneration

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b. Forbearance

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c. release

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2. What were some factors given that can make forgiveness difficult?

a. \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_

c. \_\_\_\_\_

3. What role does love play regarding forgiveness?

a. What challenge do you find in expressing love to someone who has hurt you?

b. Why is discipline considered a demonstration of love?

c. What challenge do you find in expressing love to someone who has hurt you, but has repented?

4. Satan loves when believers are parked in unforgiveness

a. How can unforgiveness affect the offender and your relationship with them?

b. How can unforgiveness affect you?

5. It's been said that forgiveness is not a process, it is a decision

a. How does the saying affect how you look at forgiveness?

b. What do people mean by referring to forgiveness as a process?

6. How is forgiving someone considered a victory?

7. What have been your struggles with forgiveness?

## **B. We are victorious, because He is victorious**

1. Because Jesus died and rose again
  - a. Sin & death are defeated, Satan's rule is short lived, A new Kingdom is coming
  - b. This is why we say the war is won
2. Though the war is won, there are still battles to be fought
  - a. Some battles you will win, some you will lose
  - b. How does the saying – "We fight from a position of victory" help?
  - c. Why is it important to our witness that when we lose a battle, we don't give up?
3. Our battles can manifest in the realm of health, financial or relationship issues
  - a. In what ways can these things be considered battles?
4. What was conveyed as a key to winning our battles?
5. How does knowing how the story ends
  - a. Help you in your everyday life?
  - b. How does it help you in your dealing with the unsaved?