

**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?