

**MOVE FORWARD  
REMEMBER HIS BENEFITS  
Forgiveness  
Discover Church  
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*“God willing, we will move forward to further understanding.” Hebrews 6:3*

- Forgiveness
- Healing
- Redemption
- Surrounds us with love and compassion
- Satisfies us with good things
- Renews us
- Gives fair treatment to all with righteousness and justice
- Compassion and mercy
- Grace
- Slow to get angry
- Abounding in love/full of unfailing love

Move Forward in **Forgiveness**

*“As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.” Psalm 103:12*

**Common Responses to Being Wronged**

*“But if there is serious injury, you are to take life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, burn for burn, wound for wound, bruise for bruise.” Exodus 21:23-25*

- **Retaliate**
- **Rebellion**
- **Accommodation**
- **Forgiveness**

*“You have heard that it was said, ‘Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.’ But I tell you, do not resist an evil person. If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also.”  
Matthew 5:38, 39*

## **Biblical Insights to Forgiveness**

- Forgiveness is learned **little by little**

*“The Lord your God will drive out those nations before you, little by little. You will not be allowed to eliminate them all at once, or the wild animals will multiply around you.”*

*Deuteronomy 7:22*

- There is no **condemnation** when Jesus forgives

*“Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus,<sup>2</sup> because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death.”*

*Romans 8:1-2*

- Holy Spirit helps us to **overcome** rebellion

*“But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness. And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.”* Romans 8:10-11

- We share in His glory when we don't **retaliate**

*“Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.”* Romans 8:17

- God brings life in place of **accommodation**

*“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose...What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? As it is written: “For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.”* Romans 8:28, 31-36

- **Conquer** sin through Christ's **forgiveness**

*“No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”* Romans 8:37-39

## Are You Willing to Forgive?

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

### 1. God **Commands** it

*“Then Peter came to him and asked, “Lord, how often should I forgive someone who sins against me? Seven times?” “No, not seven times,” Jesus replied, “but seventy times seven!” Matthew 18:21-22*

*“That’s what my heavenly Father will do to you if you refuse to forgive your brothers and sisters from your heart.” Matthew 18:31*

### 2. It is part of God’s **Character**

*“You must make allowance for each other’s faults and forgive the person who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others.” Colossians 3:13*

### 3. Forgiveness is **Good for you**

### 4. When we forgive, we are **forgiven**

*“And forgive us our sins, just as we have forgiven those who have sinned against us.” Matthew 6:12*

*Dear Father, Please forgive me for (feeling/situation) unbind (him/her) from my judging and hampering your work and help me to love (him/her) even if (he/she) never changes. Please set (him/her) free from my judgment – even if I am right. In Jesus name, Amen*

(Rick you can have all three of these on one slide, I will go through them pretty quickly)

1. God will change you
2. God will change the other person
3. God will change the situation.

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Scripture: *Psalm 103:12; Exodus 21:23-25; Matthew 5:38, 39; Deuteronomy 7:22; Romans 8:1-32; Ephesians 4:31-32; Matthew 18:21-22, 31; Colossians 3:13; Matthew 6:12*