

**The Fullness of Thanksgiving**  
**The Thanksgiving Table of Forgiveness**  
**Discover Church**  
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**A heart full of unforgiveness is a heart that cannot fully express thanks.**

*“Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.” Colossians 3:13-15*

**Bringing Forgiveness to the Thanksgiving Table**

1. True Thanksgiving is found in **God's Forgiveness**

*“When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy on me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer. Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.” And you forgave the guilt of my sin.” Psalm 32:3-5*

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

2. Forgiveness is a **Command** and a **Choice**

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

*“If you forgive those who sin against you, your heavenly Father will forgive you. But if you refuse to forgive others, your Father will not forgive your sins.” Matthew 6:14-15*

**God takes forgiveness seriously!**

**It is a command from Jesus and it is a choice by you.**

*“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*

*“If your brother or sister sins against you, rebuke them; and if they repent, forgive them. Even if they sin against you seven times in a day and seven times come back to you saying ‘I repent,’ you must forgive them.” Luke 17:3-4*

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3. The Fruit of Forgiveness = **Peace**

*“Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.” Colossians 3:15*

*“Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.” Ephesians 4:31-32*

***Forgiveness is Good for you!***

4. Be **willing** to forgive

***Spirit of Offense***

*“And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another. Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many. And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold.” Matthew 24:10-12*

***The spirit of offense will make you feel like the people who really love you are your enemies.***

*“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*

*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*

- God will change **you**
- God will change the **other person**
- God will change the **situation**

5. Give Thanks for the **Ultimate Forgiveness**

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Scripture: *Colossians 3:13-15; Psalm 32:3-5; Psalm 103:12; Matthew 6:12, 14-15; Matthew 18:21-22; Luke 17:3-4; Ephesians 4:31-32; Matthew 24:10-12; Matthew 5:38, 39*