

CALVARY LIFE BROOKLYN

Practical Ways to FOLLOW Jesus and GROW Spiritually

Matthew 6:14-15; If you *FORGIVE...*(your heavenly Father will also forgive you.)

WORDS: FORGIVE - to let go. (Forbearance - to tolerate, not the same.)

Forgiveness is the way your relationship with God begins and it's the way you should live with others as well.

SCRIPTURES about Forgiveness - Psalm 65:3; Micah 7:18-19; Matthew 18:5-20, 21-35; Ephesians 4:31-32; Colossians 3:8, 12-14; 1 John 1:9; 1 John 2:1-2;

Forgiveness is not:

- Excusing their actions
- Permitting them to repeat their actions
- Forgetting what they did
- Saying that the relationship has to go back to what it was

THE PRACTICE OF FORGIVENESS

- 1) **Priority** - Horizontal Relationship and Vertical Relationships - Matthew 6:14-15
- 2) **Worship** - Repenting and Reconciling - Matthew 5:23-24; Matthew 18
- 3) **Mercy** - We have been shown mercy, we must show mercy - Colossians 3:13
- 4) **Unconditional** - Unfailing, without limit - Psalm 103:11-12; Matthew 18:21-22
- 5) Does not ignore sin - Luke 17:3-4
- 6) **Constant practice** - Facing hurt is making a daily choice to forgive - Matthew 18:21-22
- 7) **Forgiveness leads to FREEDOM** - Matthew 18:32-35

Genesis 37-50 - Shares an intense true story of jealousy, hatred, slavery, betrayal, imprisonment and more...

FORGIVING IS BEING CHRIST LIKE

Get Started -

- **Head** - Remember CHRIST forgave YOU - Ephesians 4:32 - And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, *even as God in Christ forgave you.* (Matthew. 6:14-15, 18:21-35)
- **Heart** - Forgive and seek forgiveness. You can only do your part. - Matthew 5:23-24; Matthew 18.
- **Hand** - Pray for your enemies and do good towards them. - Matthew 5:44; Romans 12:19-21