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Series: "I Never Said That" - Part 4 of 6
Message: "Forgiveness Is Optional"

Key verse: Matthew 18:21-33

Big idea

In God's design forgiveness is essential, not optional.

Forgiveness gone wrong

1. We should forgive and _____.
2. Thinking _____ will heal all wounds.

Forgiveness done right

1. Forgiveness is the _____ not the _____.

2. Forgiving others is based on _____ not on _____.
3. Forgiveness is first an _____, then an _____.

Layers of forgiveness

1. _____ one another
2. _____ always
3. _____ usually
4. _____ sometimes

Resources

[Total Forgiveness by R.T. Kendall](#)

[The Anger Trap by Dr. Les Carter](#)

[Forgiveness Devotional by Dr. Tonsend and Dr. Cloud](#)

MY NEXT STEP TODAY IS TO:

- Commit to joining Stafford Crossing online during the week and next Sunday.
- Receive God's forgiveness as you *trust and follow Jesus* today.
- Carrying unforgiveness in your life? Ask God to empower you to have an attitude of forgiveness and then extend forgiveness to the person if possible.
- Unsure if you should have restoration after an offense? Contact us for guidance: info@staffordcrossing.org

We exist to help people trust and follow Jesus