

## LET IT GO

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Forgiveness means...

To release your resentment toward your offender.

## Insights About Forgiveness

Forgiveness is not a natural response, it's <u>SUPERNATURAL</u>!

By his divine power, God has given us everything we need for living a godly life. **2 Peter 1:3a (NIV)** 

- Forgiveness is not the same as <u>RECONCILIATION</u>.
- Forgiveness is GIVING THE GUILTY TO GOD.

If someone has done you wrong, do not repay him with a wrong...Never take revenge, my friends, but instead let God's anger do it.

For the scripture says, "I will take revenge, I will pay back, says the Lord." Instead, as the scripture says: "If your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them a drink; for by doing this you will make them burn with shame." Romans 12:17a; 19-21 (GNT)

## Why Should You Let It Go?

1. Because forgiveness FREES THE FORGIVER.

Look after each other so that none of you fails to receive the grace of God. Watch out that no poisonous root of bitterness grows up to trouble you, corrupting many. **Hebrews 12: 15 (NLT)** 



You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. **Genesis 50:20 (NLT)** 

## 2. Because God has **FORGIVEN YOU**.

Be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you. Ephesians 4:32 (NLT)

> The same forgiveness we receive from God, is the same forgiveness we should extend to others.

3. Because one day <u>YOU WILL NEED FORGIVENESS</u>.

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