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Answering Six Big Questions About Forgiveness

1. FORGIVE WHO? THE OFFENDING PERSON.

When they came to the place called 'The Skull,' they nailed Jesus to a cross there, and the two criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Jesus said, 'Forgive them, Father! They don't know what they are doing.'

Luke 23:33-34a, TEV

Forgiveness is not the same as APPROVAL.

2. FORGIVE WHAT? THE NEED FOR REVENGE.

"You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy,' But I tell you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be sons of your father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the just and unjust, and sends rain on the righteous and unrighteous. If you love those who love you, what reward will you get?"

Matt. 5:43-46a, NIV

...[Love] does not hold grudges...

1 Corinthians 13:5d, LB

Don't forgive and forget, but forgive and RELEASE.

3. FORGIVE WHERE? AT EVERY OPPORTUNITY.

"Settle matters quickly with your adversary who is taking you to court. Do it while you are still with him on the way, or he may hand you over to the judge, and the judge may hand you over to the officer, and you may be thrown into prison."

Matthew 5:25, NIV

Unforgiveness will put us, not them, in PRISON.

4. FORGIVE WHEN? ALWAYS, ALL THE TIME.

Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, 'Lord, how many times can my brother sin against me and I have to forgive him? Seven times?' 'No, not seven times,' answered Jesus, 'but seventy times seven.'

Matthew 18:21-22, TEV

"...forgive your brother from your heart."

Matthew 18:35b, NIV

True forgiveness is always UNCONDITIONAL.

5. FORGIVE WHY? BECAUSE GOD FORGIVES.

"This woman, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing my feet... Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven—for she loved much. But he who loves little has been forgiven little."

Luke 7:45b, 47, NIV

Forgiveness reveals your APPRECIATION OF GOD.

6. FORGIVE HOW? IN GOD'S STRENGTH.

Get rid of all bitterness...Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

Ephesians 4:31-32, NIV

True forgiveness is only possible in JESUS CHRIST.

You are forgiving and good, O Lord, abounding in love to all who call to You.

Psalms 86:5, NIV