



Forgiven and Forgiving 3.18.18

¹² *And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.*

Matthew 6:12

Forgiveness Stalls When We...

1. **Don't Believe We're Wrong**

1 John 1:5-10

2 Chronicles 7:14-15

Ephesians 4:31-32

2. **Believe It Must Be Earned**

Matthew 27:3-5

Matthew 18:21-22

3. **Forget What Jesus Did**

Exodus 34:5-7

Romans 3:25-26

Matthew 26:28

Acts 5:31

Luke 24:47

John 14:13-14

Home/Group Study

"Until we fully acknowledge the chaos within us that the Bible calls sin, we live in what Calvin calls 'unreality.' Counselors will tell you that the only character flaws that can really destroy you are the ones you won't admit. Crucial to true prayer, then, is confession and repentance. Again, prayer both requires and produces this humility. Prayer brings you into God's presence, where our shortcomings are exposed. Then the new awareness of insufficiency drives us to seek God even more intensely for forgiveness and help."

Timothy Keller; *Prayer: Experiencing Intimacy and Awe*

1. Why do you think God requires those who are forgiven to forgive others?
2. How honest are you with God and yourself about your sin?
3. Why is it so damaging to your relationship with God AND to your own soul to hold onto bitterness?
4. Why can forgiveness never be earned?
5. Thank God in prayer for Jesus paying the price of your forgiveness.