

Joseph could not forgive what he could not forget.

Does forgiving mean forgetting?

*See to it that no one comes short of the grace of God; that no root of bitterness springing up causes trouble, and by it **many** will be defiled. Hebrews 12:15*

Unforgiveness is the poison we drink hoping someone else will die.

Forgiveness can become more complicated when we run and hide from the truth.

Now at this time Mary arose and went in a hurry to the hill country, to a city of Judah, and entered the house of Zacharias and greeted Elizabeth. Luke 1:39–40

Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: when His mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child by the Holy Spirit. Matthew 1:18

Confessing sin is always better than controlling sin.

Forgiveness cannot be sidestepped by a simple issue of mercy.

And Joseph her husband, being a righteous man and not wanting to disgrace her, planned to send her away secretly. Matthew 1:19

Forgiveness is divine and cannot be accomplished apart from the work of the Holy Spirit.

But when he had considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife; for the Child who has been conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. Matthew 1:20

Forgiveness is non-negotiable in seeing the bigger picture God has for us.

She will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins. Matthew 1:21

Forgiveness is the greatest demonstration that God is with us.

Now all this took place to fulfill what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet: Matthew 1:22

Behold, the virgin shall be with child and shall bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,” which translated means, “God with us.” Matthew 1:23

Forgiveness is the best way to get a good night’s sleep.

And Joseph awoke from his sleep and did as the angel of the Lord commanded him, and took Mary as his wife, but kept her a virgin until she gave birth to a Son; and he called His name Jesus. Matthew 1:24-25