

TAKE HOME SHEET



Series: Dare You to Move
Message: Forgiveness is Right
Where You Fall
Speaker: Brandon Pendleton
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Forgive (def): to pardon (Merriam-Webster)

- excusing of an offense without exacting a penalty
- to set someone free from the consequences of a fault or a crime
- to grant relief from payment of

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1 John 1:8-10 (NLT)

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Matthew 5:23-24 (NLT)

Read Matthew 6:5-15

Read Matthew 18:21-35

If we're not careful, we can live a life of self-deception believing that we are always right or that our good intentions outweigh our negative impacts. As people, we have spheres of influence that include people at home, work, in the local community or even virtually through social media. When we live life long enough, there will come a time where we either need to be forgive or to forgive. Don't let pride, fear or anxiousness get in the way.

Take 5-10 minutes to think and pray over your spheres of influence and community connections.

Is there anyone you need to reach out to and genuinely seek forgiveness?

Is there anyone that you need to forgive?

Make a decision to forgive or seek forgiveness for at least one offense this week, then execute!

BIBLE TRANSLATIONS:

NLT – New Living Translation

MESSAGE NOTES



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1. When we wrong someone, initiating repair of the relationship is our responsibility.

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Lord, if you kept a record of our sins, who, O Lord, could ever survive?

Psalms 130:3 (NLT)

2. When we avoid righting our wrongs, we forfeit opportunities for reconciliation and further separate ourselves from others.

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3. It's hypocritical for us to ask God for forgiveness and choose to be unforgiving towards others.

¹⁴ If you forgive those who sin against you, your heavenly Father will forgive you. ¹⁵ But if you refuse to forgive others, your Father will not forgive your sins.

Matthew 6:14-15 (NLT)

4. When it comes to forgiveness, we need to seek regularly and give freely.

²¹ Then Peter came to him and asked, "Lord, how often should I forgive someone who sins against me? Seven times?" ²² No, not seven times, Jesus replied, "but seventy times seven!"

Matthew 18:21-22 (NLT)

¹ One day Jesus said to his disciples, "There will always be temptations to sin, but what sorrow awaits the person who does the tempting! ² It would be better to be thrown into the sea with a millstone hung around your neck than to cause one of these little ones to fall into sin. ³ So watch yourselves! If another believer sins, rebuke that person; then if there is repentance, forgive.

⁴ Even if that person wrongs you seven times a day and each time turns again and asks forgiveness, you must forgive."

Luke 17:1-4 (NLT)

5. Seeking to right wrongs leads to real freedom for us and the ones we hurt.

Love prospers when a fault is forgiven, but dwelling on it separates close friends.

Proverbs 17: 9 (NLT)