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*“As I walked out of the door towards the gate that would lead to my freedom, I knew if I didn’t leave my bitterness and hatred behind, I’d still be in prison.”*

**Nelson Mandela**

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*To forgive is to set the prisoner free, and  
discover, you were the prisoner.*

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Louis Smedes

# Forgiving God

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Forgiving Others

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Forgiving Ourselves

Regrets

**We are all sinners who sin.**



Sin doesn't in sizes.

You can't sin without harming you  
and harming those around you.

There is no sin God isn't capable of forgiving or willing to forgive.



There's not a single one of your  
sins greater than another sin,  
and none of your sins are  
greater than God's grace.

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*A vague, undefined heaviness that presses on our spirit, dampens our gratitude for the goodness of life, and slackens the free flow of joy. Guilt/shame seeps into and discolors all our other feelings, primarily about ourselves, but about almost everyone and everything else in our live as well.*

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Simon Peter



...“You are Simon son of John.  
You will be called Cephas” (which,  
when translated, is **Peter**).

“Come, follow me,” Jesus said,  
“and I will send you out to fish for  
people.” At once they left their  
nets and followed him. And  
immediately they left the boat and  
their father and followed him.

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Matthew 4:19-20,22 NIV

From then on Jesus began to tell his disciples plainly that it was necessary for him to go to Jerusalem, and that he would suffer many terrible things at the hands of the elders,

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Matthew 16:21 NLT



the leading priests, and the teachers of religious law. He would be killed, but on the third day he would be raised from the dead.

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Matthew 16:21 NLT

But Peter took him aside and began to reprimand him for saying such things. “Heaven forbid, Lord,” he said. “This will never happen to you!”

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Matthew 16:22 NLT



Jesus turned to Peter and said,  
“**Get away from me, Satan!** You  
are a dangerous trap to me. You  
are seeing things merely from a  
human point of view, not from  
God’s.”

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Matthew 16:23 NLT



Peter asked, “Lord, why can’t I follow you now? **I will lay down my life for you.**”

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John 13:37 NIV

Then Jesus answered, “Will you really lay down your life for me? Very truly I tell you, before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times!

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John 13:38 NIV

Peter declared, “Even if everyone else deserts you, I will never desert you.”

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Matthew 26:33 NLT



Jesus replied, “I tell you the truth, Peter—this very night, before the rooster crows, **you will deny three times** that you even know me.”

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Matthew 26:34 NLT



“No!” Peter insisted. “Even if I have to die with you, **I will never deny you!**” And all the other disciples vowed the same.

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Matthew 26:35 NLT

Then Simon Peter drew a sword  
and slashed off the right ear of  
Malchus, the high priest's slave.

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John 18:10 NLT

...Just as he was speaking, the  
rooster crowed.



The Lord turned and looked **straight at Peter**. Then Peter remembered the word the Lord had spoken to him: “Before the rooster crows today, you will **disown** me three times.”

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Luke 22:61 NIV



And he went outside and wept  
**bitterly.**

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Luke 22:62 NIV

Have you ever been there?

Everything felt hopelessly  
irreparable, and utterly final.

But go, tell his disciples and **Peter**,  
'He is going ahead of you into  
Galilee. There you will see him,  
just as he told you.' ”



God will not remove our regrets  
but He will redeem our regrets.

While Peter was regretting his sin,  
Jesus was paying for his sin.

Nothing felt final.  
Nothing felt irreparable.  
Nothing felt hopeless.



Jesus died for the sin which  
became your regret.....  
so don't hold on to what  
Jesus died to take away.