

COME AS YOU ARE
NO PERFECT PEOPLE ALLOWED

Forgiveness
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WOUNDS

Everyone I know has wounds.

How do you deal with hurt?

1. Pull back
2. Make excuses
3. Pretend it did not happen.
4. Revenge.

"Because you did this," Samson vowed, "I will take my revenge on you, and I won't stop until I'm satisfied!"...Then he picked up a donkey's jawbone that was lying on the ground and killed a thousand Philistines with it.

APPLY FORGIVENESS

I. IDENTITY THE HURT

HURT IS AN UNMET EXPECTATION

For this reason, the Kingdom of Heaven can be compared to a king who decided to bring his accounts up to date with servants who had borrowed money from him. In the process, one of his debtors was brought in who owed him millions of dollars. He couldn't pay, so the king ordered that he, his wife, his children, and everything he had be sold to pay the debt. Matthew 18:23-25 NLT

II. FORGIVENESS INVOLVES GOD SO HE CAN CARRY OUT THE JUSTICE

Never take your own revenge, beloved, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord. Romans 12:19 NAS

Forgiveness is giving up my right to get even.

Forgiveness is an act of your will. It is not something you approach feeling good about. In fact the closer you get to the hurt in your heart the worse you feel. The pain is real and alive. But you must choose to let God take charge of the vengeance.

*"Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord.
Romans 12:19b NAS*

**I give up the right to get even with _____ for
_____.**

Signed _____ Date _____

III. WE FORGIVE BECAUSE WE HAVE BEEN FORGIVEN

Judges 15:7, 15 NLT

Then the king called in the man he had forgiven and said, 'You evil servant! I forgave you that tremendous debt because you pleaded with me. Shouldn't you have mercy on your fellow servant, just as I had mercy on you?' Then the angry king sent the man to prison until he had paid every penny. "That's what my heavenly Father will do to you if you refuse to forgive your brothers and sisters in your heart." Matthew 18:32-35 NLT

Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you.

IV. FORGIVING RELEASES YOU FROM THE RESPONSIBILITY OF JUSTICE

Dear friends, never avenge yourselves. Leave that to God, for he has said that he will repay those who deserve it. [Don't take the law into your own hands.] Romans 12:19 LIV

ARE YOU READY TO CONTINUALLY FORGIVE?