

Forgive

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Our Purpose: To be a community of believers where, no matter who you are, you can experience life change through Jesus Christ

1 And when he returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. 2 And many were gathered together, so that there was no more room, not even at the door. And he was preaching the word to them. 3 And they came, bringing to him a paralytic carried by four men. 4 And when they could not get near him because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him, and when they had made an opening, they let down the bed on which the paralytic lay. 5 And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven."

—Mark 2:1-5 (ESV)

"[Forgiving] is to give up your right to hurt them for hurting you."

— Dr. Archibald Hart

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—Ephesians 4:32 (ESV)

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a. Those who were sorry

b. Those who weren't sorry

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"Unforgiveness is like drinking rat poison and hoping it kills the other person."

— Anne Lamott

1. Realize None of us deserve the forgiveness we've received.

but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

—Romans 5:8 (ESV)

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2. Let God have His Job

17 Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. 18 If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. 19 Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord."

—Romans 12:17-19 (ESV)

3. Choose the Heart of Jesus