

OUR FATHER: WORDS YOU THOUGHT YOU KNEW EVERYDAY RELEASE

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Big idea: the Lord's Prayer is not something that you just pray: it's a prayer that you actually live.

Two of the greatest barriers in your life that keep you from experiencing genuine peace of mind are guilt and resentment.

Matthew 6:9- "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, ¹⁰ your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. ¹¹ Give us today our daily bread. ¹² Forgive us our debts, **as we also have forgiven our debtors.**

Forgiveness Quiz

A person should not be forgiven until he asks for it. [T] [F]

Forgiveness includes minimizing the offense & the pain caused. [T] [F]

Forgiveness includes restoring trust and reuniting a relationship. [T] [F]

You haven't really forgiven until you've forgotten the offense. [T] [F]

I. What forgiveness is _____:

A. It isn't _____.

Luke 23:34 - Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."

Colossians 2:13 - When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your sinful nature, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins.

B. It isn't _____ the seriousness of the offense.

C. It isn't _____ a relationship without **changes**.

Forgiveness is instant, but trust must be built over a long period of time.

For a relationship to be _____, the offender must:

1. Demonstrate genuine repentance.
2. Make restitution whenever possible for the damage done.
3. Rebuild your trust by proving they have changed over time.
4. It isn't _____ what happened.

Thank God that even though this terrible thing happened and it hurt a lot; believe that He can turn it around and use it for good.

Romans 8:28 - And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

II. What is _____ forgiveness?

A. Relinquishing my right to get _____.

Romans 12:19 - "...Never avenge yourselves. Leave that to God, for he has said that he will repay those who deserve it." (LB)

You forgive so there can be peace in your heart and you can get on with your life. Leave the justice part to God.

Hebrews 12:15 - "Be careful that none of you **fails to respond to the grace which God gives**, for if he does there can very easily spring up in him a **bitter spirit** which is not only bad in itself but can also poison the lives of many others."
(Ph)

B. Repeating the process as long as _____.

Matthew 18:21-22 - "Peter asked, 'Lord, **how often** should I forgive someone who sins against me? Seven times?' ²² 'No.' Jesus replied, 'seventy times seven!'"
(NLT)

Why should I forgive?

1. God has forgiven _____.
2. Bitterness makes you _____.

Next steps:

1. Commit your life to Christ.
2. Practice everyday forgiveness.
3. Plan on joining us next week online. (Everyday Temptation)
4. Download the "beyond Sunday devotion."