



FORGIVENESS

Part 2

Luke 17:1-5; Matthew 18:21-35

Main Theme

**A true disciple forgives
quickly & often.**

Luke 17:1-5

“If he repents, forgive him and if he trespasses against you seven times in one day, and seven times in a day turn again to you, saying, I repent; you must forgive him.”

Luke 17:4



**Forgiveness is harder, but
ultimately better for the one
who has been hurt.**

**Harboring your hurt is easier,
but ultimately destructive.**

“Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled;”

Hebrews 12:15



Q1: Why is real forgiveness so hard?

Q2: What does real forgiveness mean?



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I HAVE BEEN

WRONGED



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- Forgiveness is not a cheap exchange of words.**
- Forgiveness is not a feeling ... an emotion.**

**“I will remember your
sin no more.”**

Isaiah 43:25



How can God forget sin?

***“not remembering” our sins
is not the same thing as
“forgetting” them***



Forgiveness

The first to apologize is the bravest; the first to forgive is the strongest; the first to forget is the happiest.



4. Forgiveness is a promise.

- 1) I will never bring the issue up to you again.**
- 2) I will never bring the issue up to someone else.**
- 3) I will surrender my right to get even.**
- 4) I will never dwell on it in my mind.**
- 5) I will trust God – accept everything that God brings into my journey, past, present, future – as part of His growing process in my life.**



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If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:9