



I Won't Forgive

"Justin, your dad called to talk to you. He said he would call back. He doesn't usually call here. What do you suppose he wants?" Cynthia asked her husband.

"I don't know, but if he called to apologize for what he did to me last week, then I am not interested in talking to him. If he calls, tell him I'm not here," Justin said as he checked his e-mail. "I see that he sent me an e-mail too."

"What does it say?" Cynthia asked.

"He just wants to know my recipe for salsa," Justin answered. "Fat chance!"

"Aren't you being a little hard on your dad?" Cynthia asked.

"No," Justin replied without hesitation. "I'll never forgive him for what he did to me."

1. Is there ever a good reason to say that you won't forgive someone? Explain.
2. Read Philemon 8-12. What difficult action did Paul ask Philemon to take when he was reunited with Onesimus?
3. Read Ephesians 4:32. How would you describe the way that God forgave you?
4. What characterizes your attitude and actions when someone does something to you that think is too harsh to forgive?
5. What adjustments do you need to make in order to align your attitudes and actions with Christ's?