



# Letting Go

DISCOVERING THE LOST ART OF **FORGIVING**

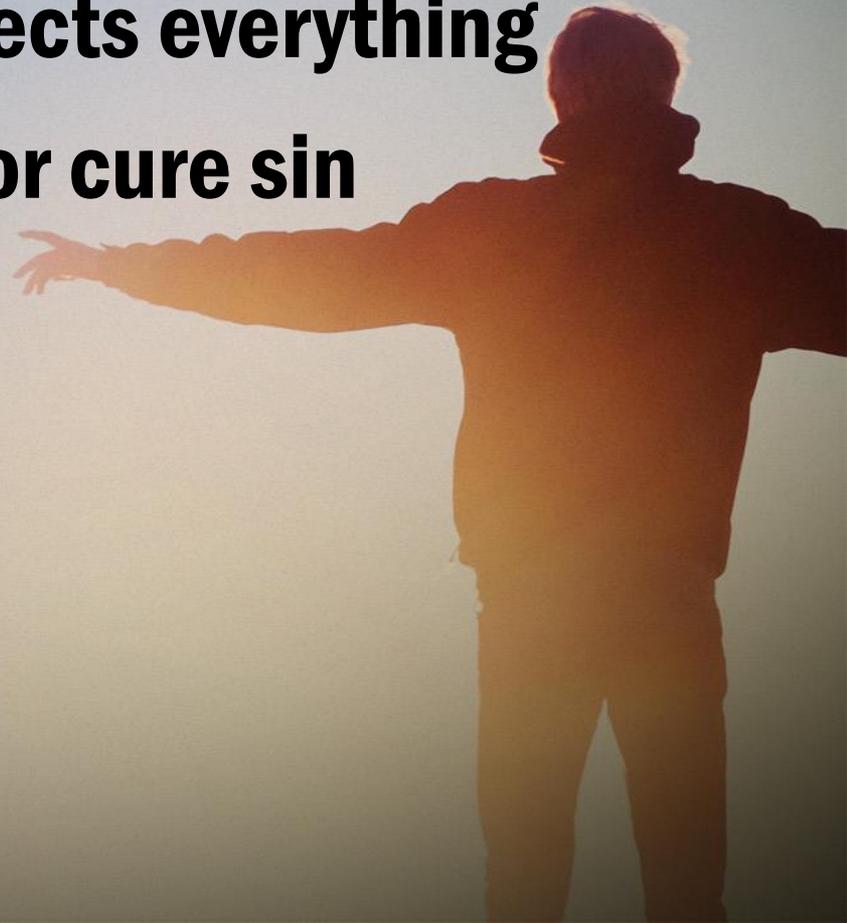
***32 Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.***

**Ephesians 4:32**



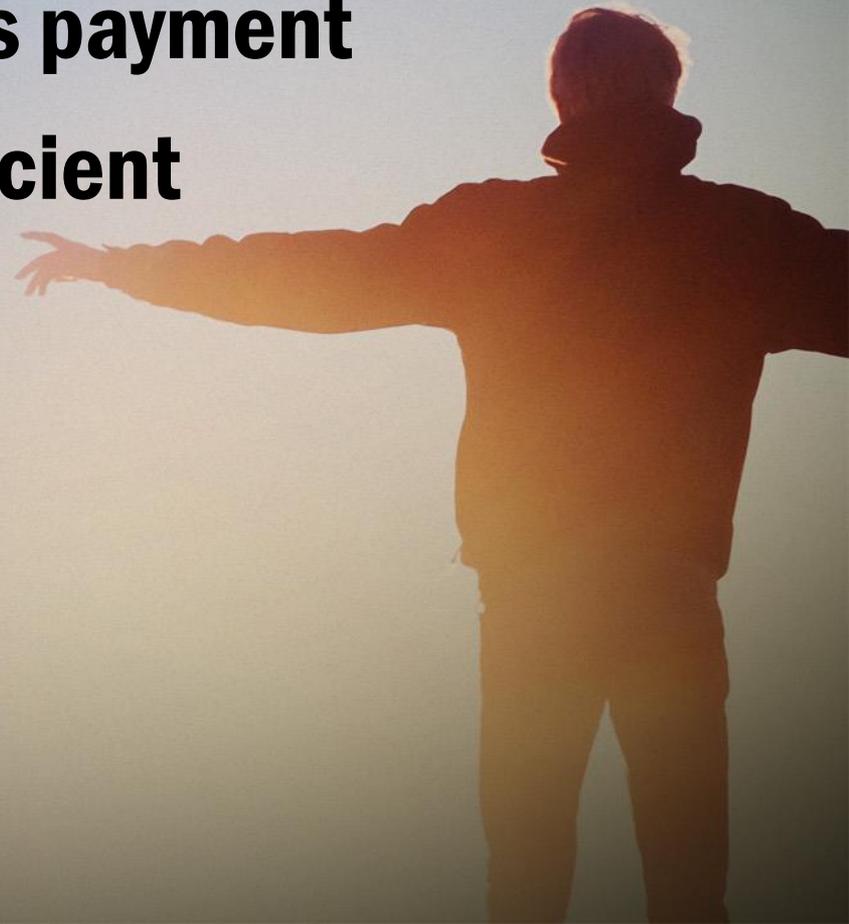
# The Problem

- 1. Sin is universal, it's everywhere**
- 2. Sin is pervasive, it affects everything**
- 3. Our attempts to curb or cure sin are hopeless**



# The Solution

- 1. God demonstrated His love**
- 2. He offered His Son as payment**
- 3. That payment is sufficient**



# Forgiving

**To bestow favor, unconditionally**

**Picture of – canceling a debt, remitting a sin**

**To release, pardon, to cover**

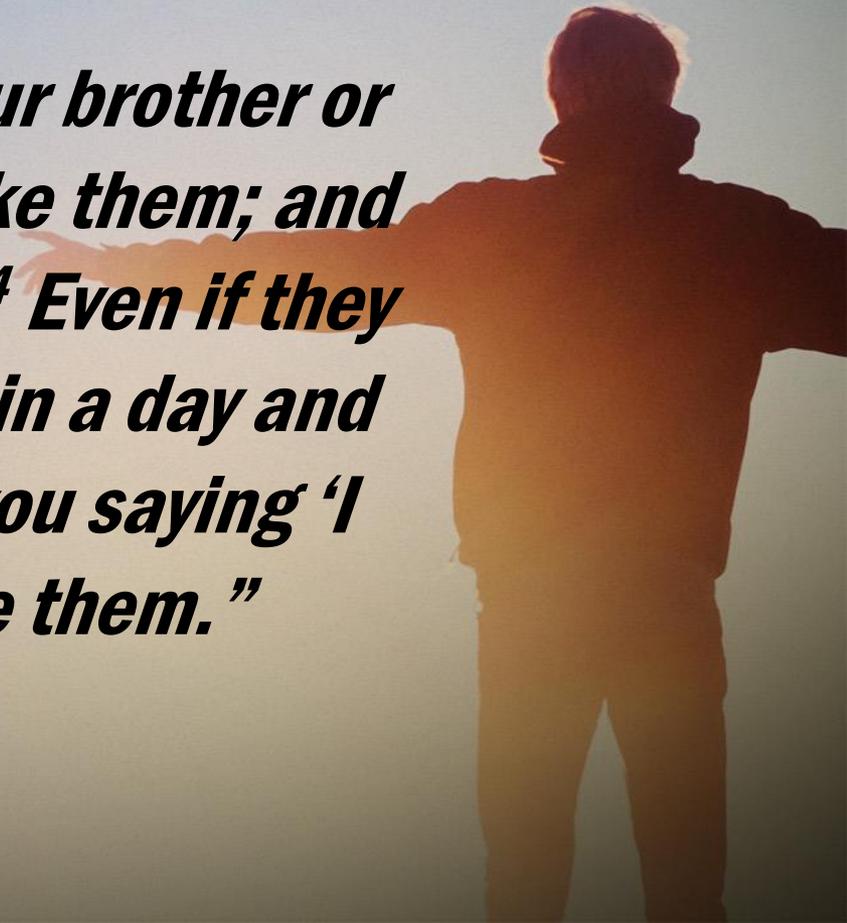


# Why Forgive?

## 1. God commands it

***<sup>3</sup> So watch yourselves. “If your brother or sister sins against you, rebuke them; and if they repent, forgive them. <sup>4</sup> Even if they sin against you seven times in a day and seven times come back to you saying ‘I repent,’ you must forgive them.”***

**Luke 17: 3-4**

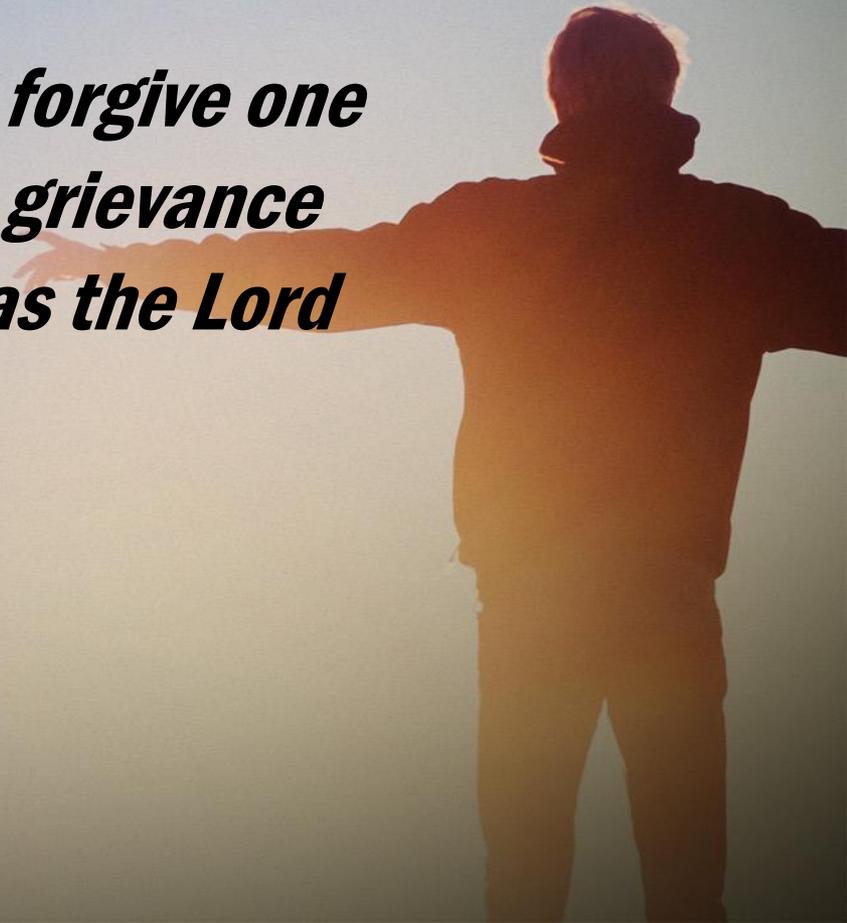


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## 2. To model what God did for us in Christ

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**Colossians 3: 13**

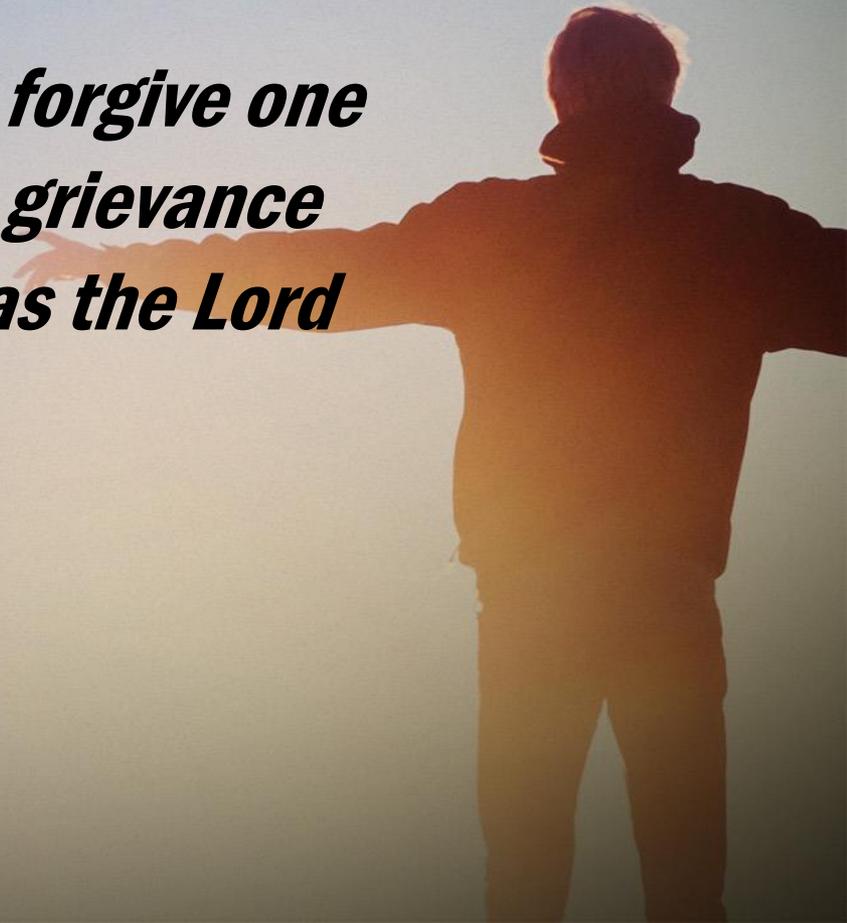


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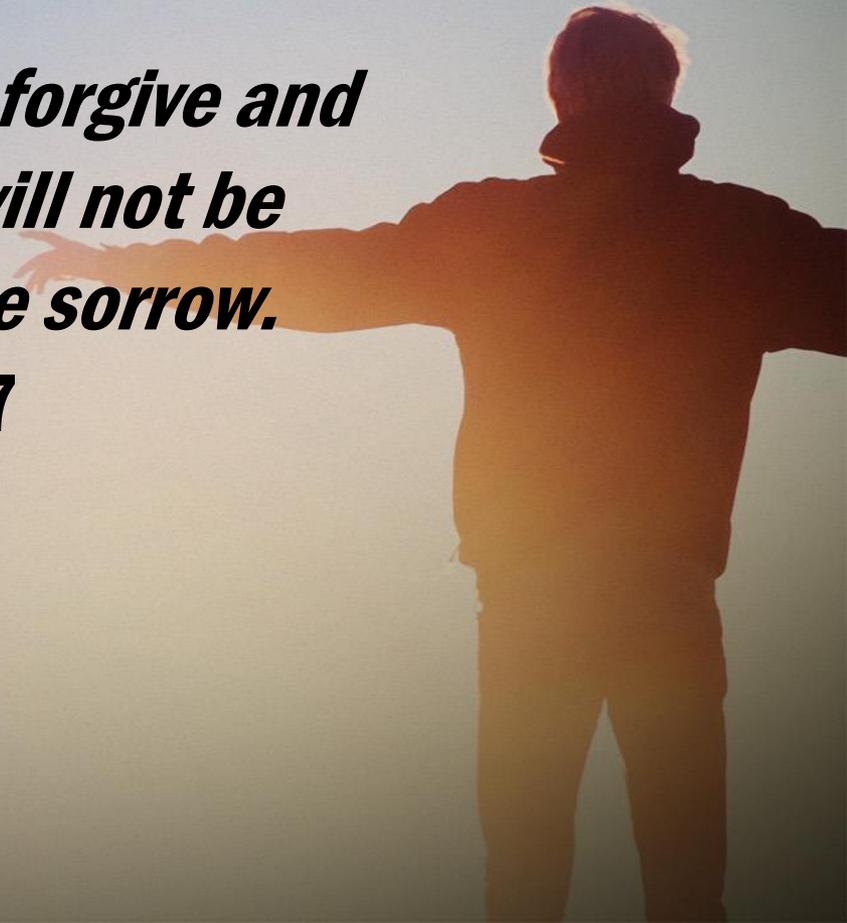


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## 4. For the good of the offender

*<sup>7</sup> Now instead, you ought to forgive and comfort him, so that he will not be overwhelmed by excessive sorrow.*

**2 Corinthians 2: 7**

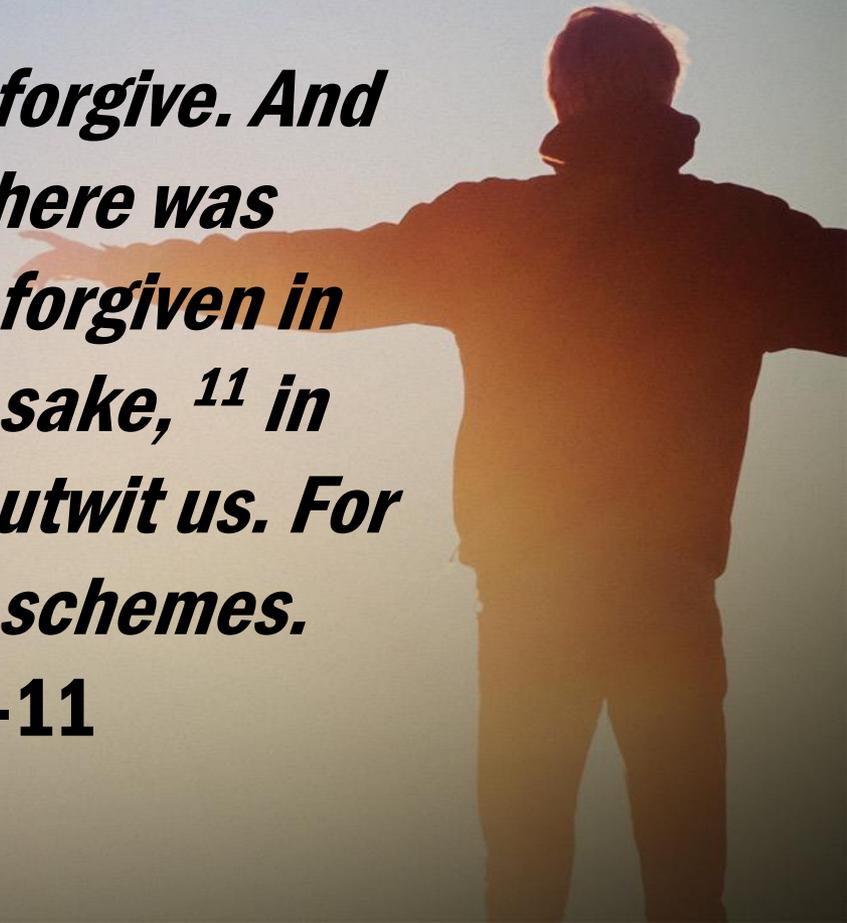


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## 5. For your own good

***<sup>10</sup> Anyone you forgive, I also forgive. And what I have forgiven—if there was anything to forgive—I have forgiven in the sight of Christ for your sake, <sup>11</sup> in order that Satan might not outwit us. For we are not unaware of his schemes.***

**2 Corinthians 2: 10-11**





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