

ADDITIONAL DISCIPLESHIP RESOURCES

FORGIVENESS

God forgave us, and now we can and should forgive others. Forgiveness is a choice to release a person to God, as well as an agreement to live with the consequences of that person's sin. Forgiveness is mainly a matter of obedience to God.

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WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?

God Forgave Us

Ephesians 1:7-10 says, "In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace, which He lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of His will, according to His purposes, which He set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in Him, things in heaven and things on earth."

(see also: Isaiah 43:25-26; 1 John 1:9; Isaiah 1:18; Ephesians 2:1-9; Daniel 9:9; Colossians 1:13-14; Micah 7:18-19)

What specific things has God forgiven you for?

God Commands Us To Forgive Others

Ephesians 4:31-32 says, "Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you."

(see also: Matthew 6:14-15; Mark 11:25; Matthew 18:21-35)

Why does God command us to forgive others?

HOW CAN YOU RESPOND?

It's One Thing To Know About Forgiveness. It's Another Thing To Apply It To Your Life

Ask the Holy Spirit to highlight anyone you need to forgive. Write down their names.

Then, ask the Holy Spirit to reveal anything you need to forgive yourself for. Write that down.

Then, meet with another person to go through the list actively praying and forgiving each person.