

I'll Be There for You

The One Where You Forgive

Proverbs 27:9 (TPT)

Sweet friendships refresh the soul and awaken our hearts with joy, for good friends are like the anointing oil that yields the fragrant incense of God's presence.

Ephesians 4:30-32 (TPT)

The Holy Spirit of God has sealed you in Jesus Christ until you experience your full salvation. So never grieve the Spirit of God or take for granted his holy influence in your life. Lay aside bitter words, temper tantrums, revenge, profanity, and insults. But instead be kind and affectionate toward one another. Has God graciously forgiven you? Then graciously forgive one another in the depths of Christ's love.

Misconceptions About Forgiveness:

1. Forgiveness means that I am excusing, denying, or forgetting the wrongdoing.
2. Forgiveness means that the person who wronged me should stay in my life.
3. Forgiveness means that you need to tell the person that he or she is forgiven.
4. Forgiveness means that you should not have any further feelings about the situation and that relationship is 100% healed.
5. Forgiveness is something that you do for the other person.

Matthew 18:21-22 (TPT)

Later Peter approached Jesus and said, "How many times do I have to forgive my fellow believer who keeps offending me? Seven times?" Jesus answered, "Not seven times, Peter, but seventy times seven times!"

Matthew 18:23-25 (TPT)

The lessons of forgiveness in heaven's kingdom realm can be illustrated like this: "There once was a king who had servants who had borrowed money from the royal treasury. He decided to settle accounts with each of them. As he began the process, it came to his attention that one of his servants owed him one billion dollars. So he summoned the servant before him and said to him, 'Pay me what you owe me.' When his servant was unable to repay his debt, the king ordered that he be sold as a slave along with his wife and children and every possession they owned as payment toward his debt.

Matthew 18:26-27 (TPT)

"The servant threw himself facedown at his master's feet and begged for mercy. 'Please be

patient with me. Just give me more time and I will repay you all that I owe.’ Upon hearing his pleas, the king had compassion on his servant, and released him, and forgave his entire debt.”

Matthew 18:28-30 (TPT)

“No sooner had the servant left when he met one of his fellow servants, who owed him twenty thousand dollars. He seized him by the throat and began to choke him, saying, ‘You’d better pay me right now everything you owe me!’ His fellow servant threw himself facedown at his feet and begged, ‘Please be patient with me. If you’ll just give me time, I will repay you all that is owed.’ But the one who had his debt forgiven stubbornly refused to forgive what was owed him. He had his fellow servant thrown into prison and demanded he remain there until he repaid the debt in full.”

Matthew 18:31-34 (TPT)

“When his associates saw what was going on, they were outraged and went to the king and told him the whole story. The king said to him, ‘You scoundrel! Is this the way you respond to my mercy? Because you begged me, I forgave you the massive debt that you owed me. Why didn’t you show the same mercy to your fellow servant that I showed to you?’ In a fury of anger, the king turned him over to the prison guards to be tortured until all his debt was repaid.”

Matthew 18:35 (TPT)

“In this same way, my heavenly Father will deal with any of you if you do not release forgiveness from your heart toward your fellow believer.”

What forgiveness is:

1. Forgiveness is a gift!
2. Forgiveness must be a non-negotiable – it is not a suggestion in scripture it is a command from Jesus.
3. Forgiveness is a choice - one that releases you!
4. Forgiveness is only possible because of Jesus!

You don’t have a right to NOT forgive!