



“How to Forgive Others”
How to Forgive.... Series
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Steps to forgiving others:

- 1) **REMEMBER** how much **YOU** have been forgiven.
 - “Come, let us talk this over” says the Lord. “No matter how deep the stain of your sin, I can talk it out and make you as clean as freshly fallen snow. Even if you are stained as red as crimson, I can make you **white as wool**.” Isaiah 1:18
 - “Parable of the Unforgiving Servant” Matthew 18:23-35

- 2) **RELEASE** the person entirely.
 - What does “release” mean?
 - It means to **SET THEM FREE** & no longer hold onto **BITTERNESS** or **RESENTMENT**.
 - Forgiveness is always a **CHOICE**.
 - Practical ways we can release a person entirely:
 - a) **WRITE A LETTER** to the person that hurt you.
 - b) Have an **IMAGINARY CONVERSATION** with the person.
 - “Never pay back evil for evil to anyone. Do things in such a way that everyone can see you are honorable. Dear friends, never avenge yourselves. **Leave that to God**. For it is written, I will take vengeance. I will repay those who deserve it says the Lord.” Romans 12:17-19

- 3) **RECOGNIZE** God’s purpose in the process.
 - “God works all things **together** for good to those who love the Lord and are called according to His purpose.” Romans 8:28
 - “Don’t be afraid of me. Am I God, that I can punish you? You intended to harm me, but God intended it **all for good**. He brought me to this position so I could save the lives of many people.” Genesis 50:19-20

- 4) **REESTABLISH?**
 - This step is **CONDITIONAL**
 - Forgiveness & reconciliation are **NOT** the same.
 - “**Do your part** to live in peace with everyone, as much as **possible**.” Romans 12:18

- 5) **REPEAT** the process.
 - We are to forgive “seventy times seven” Matthew 18:22
 - “If you forgive those who sin against you, your Heavenly Father will forgive you. But if **you refuse to forgive** others, your Father will **not forgive your sins**.” Matthew 6:14-15