

Forgiveness

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And forgive us our sins, just as we have forgiven those who have sinned against us. **Matthew 6:12** TLB (Lord's Prayer)

How to Forgive Others

1. Remember _____

"Come, let's talk this over!" says the Lord; "no matter how deep the stain of your sins, I can take 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** TLB

2. Release _____

³² *Then the king called in the man he had forgiven and said, "You evil servant! I forgave you that tremendous debt because you pleaded with me. ³³ Shouldn't you have mercy on your fellow servant, just as I had mercy on you?" ³⁴ Then the angry king sent the man to prison to be tortured until he had paid his entire debt. ³⁵ That's what my heavenly Father will do to you if you refuse to forgive your brothers and sisters from your heart.* **Matthew 18:32-35** NLT

¹⁷ *Never pay back evil with more evil. Do things in such a way that everyone can see you are honorable... ¹⁹ Dear friends, never take revenge. Leave that to the righteous anger of God.* **Romans 12:17, 19** NLT

3. Recognize _____

And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them. **Romans 8:28** NLT

¹⁹ *But Joseph replied, "Don't be afraid of me. Am I God, that I can punish you?" ²⁰ 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** NLT

4. Re-establish _____

(as much as you can)

Do all that you can to live in peace with everyone.

Romans 12:18 NLT

5. Repeat _____

¹⁴ *"If you forgive those who sin against you, your heavenly Father will forgive you. ¹⁵ But if you refuse to forgive others, your Father will not forgive your sins.* **Matthew 6:14-15** NLT

Be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you.

Ephesians 4:32 NLT

Next Steps:

- Re-read today's Bible verses (and Lord's Prayer)
- Memorize Ephesians 4:32
- Commit to forgive others as God forgives me
- Lord, today I forgive _____ for _____
Show me any actions I need to take to re-establish the relationship. Help me to forgive others as much as you have forgiven me. Amen.
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