



**FORGIVENESS**

**Doing the Unthinkable**

***What Forgiveness Is***



# Forgiveness is NOT

1) NOT Approving of what they did

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## John 8:10-11

- 10) Jesus stood up and said to her, “Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?”
- 11) She said, “No one, Lord.” And Jesus said, **“Neither do I condemn you;** go, and from now on sin no more.”

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# Forgiveness is NOT

- 1) NOT Approving of what they did
- 2) NOT Excusing what they did
- 3) NOT Justifying what they did

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## Isaiah 5:20

- 20) **Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter!**

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- 2) NOT Excusing what they did
- 3) NOT Justifying what they did
- 4) NOT Pardoning what they did
- 5) NOT Reconciliation

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 5:18-19

- 18) All this is from God, who through **Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation;**
- 19) that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.



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- 5) NOT Reconciliation
- 6) NOT Denying what they did
- 7) NOT Blindness to what they did



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- 4) Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant
- 5) or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or **resentful**;

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- 7) NOT Blindness to what they did
- 8) NOT Forgetting what they did
- 9) NOT Refusing to take what they did Seriously
- 10) NOT Pretending that we are not Hurt

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# Forgiveness IS

- 1) Being aware of what they did and still Forgiving
- 2) Choosing to keep no Record of Wrong
- 3) Refusing to Punish

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1<sup>st</sup> John 4:18

- 18) There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For **fear has to do with punishment**, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love.

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- 2) Choosing to keep no Record of Wrong
- 3) Refusing to Punish
- 4) Not Telling what they Did
- 5) Being Merciful

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## Matthew 5:7

- 7) Blessed are the **merciful**, for they shall receive mercy.

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## Luke 6:36

36) Be **merciful**, even as your Father is merciful.

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- 5) Being Merciful
- 6) Graciousness
- 7) On the Inside

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## Matthew 12:34

- 34) You brood of vipers! How can you speak good, when you are evil? For **out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.**

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- 6) Graciousness
- 7) Something on the Inside
- 8) Absence of Bitterness
- 9) Forgiving God

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## 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 13:5

- 5) ... (Love) is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, **it keeps no record of wrongs.**

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## James 3:5-6

- 5) So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things. **How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire!**
- 6) And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell.