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Doing the Unthinkable

How to Forgive



Genesis 45:5

- 5) And now **do not be distressed** or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life.

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Psalm 30:5

- 5) **For his anger is but for a moment**, and his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

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Joel 2:25

25) **I will restore to you the years** that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent among you.

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John 16:2

- 2) They will put you out of the synagogues. Indeed, the hour is coming when **whoever kills you will think he is offering service to God.**

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1st Samuel 24:1-5

- 1) When Saul returned from following the Philistines, he was told, “Behold, David is in the wilderness of Engedi.”
- 2) Then Saul took three thousand chosen men out of all Israel and went to seek David and his men in front of the Wildgoats’ Rocks.



1st Samuel 24:1-5

- 3) **And he came to the sheepfolds by the way, where there was a cave, and Saul went in to relieve himself. Now David and his men were sitting in the innermost parts of the cave.**
- 4) **And the men of David said to him, “Here is the day of which the LORD said to you, ‘Behold, I will give your enemy into your hand, and you shall do to him as it shall seem good to you.’” Then David arose and stealthily cut off a corner of Saul’s robe.**

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1st Samuel 24:1-5

- 5) And afterward **David's heart struck him**, because he had cut off a corner of Saul's robe.

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7 Steps

- 1) Choose **not to tell** anyone what they did
- 2) Be **pleasant** to them when around them
- 3) Say something to **free them from guilt**
- 4) Let them **feel good** about themselves
- 5) **Protect them** from their greatest fear
- 6) Keep forgiving - **FOREVER**
- 7) **Pray for them**

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5 Stages of Prayer

- 1) DUTY
- 2) DEBT
- 3) DESIRE
- 4) DELIGHT
- 5) DURABILITY

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2nd 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.



Job 42:10

- 10) And the LORD restored the fortunes of Job, when he had prayed for his friends. And **the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before.**

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