

**Kingdom Living**  
**Forgiven To Forgive**



Matthew 6:14-15

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Forgiveness is a \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_

Forgiving others is \_\_\_\_\_

Righteousness is right \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

**Why Don't we forgive?**

We don't understand the \_\_\_\_\_ of our \_\_\_\_\_

There is a difference between \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

***Forgiveness** is the intentional decision to release feelings of resentment, anger, or the desire for revenge toward someone who has wronged you, regardless of whether they deserve it or have sought reconciliation.*

Forgiveness doesn't necessarily mean \_\_\_\_\_

***Reconciliation** is the restoration of a broken relationship to a state of peace, trust, and harmony.*

Forgiveness doesn't mean \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ the infraction

**Questions to think about...**

1. Think of a time when you found it difficult to forgive someone. What made it so hard? How did that situation affect your relationship with God and others?
2. Read Matthew 6:12, 14-15. What makes forgiving others so difficult?
3. Why do you think Jesus ties our forgiveness of others to experiencing God's forgiveness? What does this connection reveal about the nature of forgiveness?
4. Read Matthew 18:23-35. What is Jesus teaching us through this story?
5. If someone were to ask why forgiveness is so important for Christians, how would you answer based on this passage? How does forgiving others shape our relationship with God?
6. What does Jesus mean when He says, "If you forgive other people... your heavenly Father will also forgive you"? How would you explain this to someone who finds it confusing or even harsh?
7. What are some misconceptions people have about forgiveness (e.g., "forgiving means forgetting" or "forgiving means everything goes back to normal")? How does the Bible challenge or clarify these ideas?
8. How does forgiving someone show others the heart of God? How can forgiveness be a powerful witness to the world?
9. Are there any relationships in your life right now where forgiveness is needed? How might praying for that person or reflecting on God's forgiveness of you help you take a step toward reconciliation?