

# The Power in Forgiveness

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## 1. I am Forgiven.

*If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.* 1 John 1:9 (NASB)

*I acknowledged my sin to You, And my iniquity I did not hide; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD"; And You forgave the guilt of my sin.* Psalm 32:5 (NASB)

*He will again have compassion on us; He will tread our iniquities under foot. Yes, You will cast all their sins Into the depths of the sea.* Micah 7:19 (NASB)

## 2. I need to Forgive.

*"Whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone, so that your Father who is in heaven will also forgive you your transgressions.* Mark 11:25 (NASB)

*"But if you do not forgive others, then your Father will not forgive your transgressions.* Matthew 6:15 (NASB)

*"Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. <sup>24</sup> As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him. <sup>25</sup> Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt. <sup>26</sup> "The servant fell on his knees before him. 'Be patient with me,' he begged, 'and I will pay back everything.' <sup>27</sup> The servant's master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go. <sup>28</sup> "But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii. He grabbed him and began to choke him. 'Pay back what you owe me!' he demanded. <sup>29</sup> "His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.' <sup>30</sup> "But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. <sup>31</sup> When the other servants saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed and went and told their*

*master everything that had happened. <sup>32</sup> "Then the master called the servant in. 'You wicked servant,' he said, 'I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. <sup>33</sup> Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?' <sup>34</sup> In anger his master turned him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed. <sup>35</sup> "This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother from your heart."*

Matthew 18:23-35 (NIV)

## 3. Freedom in Forgiveness.

*It was for freedom that Christ set us free; therefore keep standing firm and do not be subject again to a yoke of slavery.*

Galatians 5:1 (NASB)

## 4. Forgiveness is for me.

*See to it that no one comes short of the grace of God; that no root of bitterness springing up causes trouble, and by it many be defiled;*

Hebrews 12:15 (NASB)

*When I kept silent about my sin, my body wasted away Through my groaning all day long. <sup>4</sup> For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; My vitality was drained away as with the fever heat of summer.*

Psalm 32:3-4 (NASB)

## Forgiveness may not be easy but it's

### Necessary & Beneficial

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