

Why Forgive? | Why?, Pt. 5

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Why Should I Forgive?

1. Because God **forgives me** .

Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, **just as in Christ God forgave you** .

[Ephesians 4:32 \(NIV\)](#)

2. Because **resentment** doesn't work.

To worry yourself with resentment would be a **foolish, senseless** thing to do. [Job 5:2 \(GNT\)](#)

3. Because forgiveness is something **I need too** .

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

Forgiving is not ...

- ▶ Minimizing the seriousness of the offense or pretending it didn't happen.
- ▶ Instant restoration of trust.
- ▶ Resuming the relationship without any changes.

The Pathway to Forgiveness

1. Give up my right **to get even** .

Never avenge yourselves. Leave that to God, for he has said that he will repay those who deserve it.

[Romans 12:19 \(TLB\)](#)

2. Respond to the evil **with good** .

Jesus: Do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, **pray for those who mistreat you**.

[Luke 6:27-28 \(NIV\)](#)

3. Refocus on God's plan [for my life](#) .

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us **strip off every weight that slows us down**, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us. We do this by **keeping our eyes on Jesus**, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith. Because of the joy awaiting him, he endured the cross, disregarding its shame. Now he is seated in the place of honor beside God's throne. **Think of all the hostility he endured from sinful people**, then you won't become weary and give up. [Hebrews 12:1-3 \(NLT\)](#)

Talk It Over

1. Why do you think forgiveness can be so difficult, even when we know God calls us to forgive?

2. If Jesus has completely forgiven you, what might He be asking you to release today?

For your own notes:

Daily Bible Readings

Monday—[John 12:1-19](#)//Tuesday—[John 12:20-50](#)

Wednesday—[John 13:1-20](#)//Thursday—[John 13:21-38](#)

Friday—John 14//Saturday—John 15

Sunday—[John 16:1-15](#)

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Service Times:

Saturday @ **6:15pm**

Sunday @ **10:00am + 11:30am + 1:00pm**