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Translated // Week 2 Forgiveness

Philippians 1:6 And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns. **New Living Translation-SE**

Translated: It hurt so bad I can't forgive them

"It is easier to forgive an enemy than a friend."

Five stages of grief

1. Denial
2. Anger
3. Bargaining
4. Depression
5. Acceptance

We forgive because we're forgiven

Colossians 3:13 Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others. **New Living Translation-SE**

Forgive: aphiemi

1. To dismiss charges
2. Cancel punishment
3. Treat the guilty person as if they were innocent

Two types of forgiveness

1. Closed – They apologize for what they did

Usually end up being closer friends

2. Opened – They won't apologize for what they did

Won't be able to continue a friendship but you still forgive them and you setup boundaries

Closed versus Open Forgiveness

The perfect scenario

Luke 17:3 So watch yourselves. "If your brother sins, rebuke him, and **if he repents**, forgive him. **4** If he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times comes back to you and says, '**I repent**,' forgive him." *New International Version*

Pursuing Closure

Matthew 18:15 "If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault, just between the two of you. If he listens to you, **you have won your brother over**."

Matthew 18:16 But if he will not listen, take one or two others along, so that 'every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.'

Matthew 18:17 If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, **treat him as you would a pagan or a tax collector**.
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No opportunity for closure

Acts 7:59 As they stoned him, Stephen prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." **60** He fell to his knees, shouting, "**Lord, don't charge them with this sin!**" And with that, he died. *New Living Translation*

Peter asked Jesus about how often we should forgive

Matthew 18:21 Then Peter came to him and asked, "Lord, how often should I forgive someone who sins against me? Seven times?" **22** "No!" Jesus replied, "seventy times seven!" *New Living Translation*

Jesus told Peter a story to make His point (Matthew 18:23-34)

Matthew 18:35 "That's what my heavenly Father will do to you if you refuse to forgive your brothers and sisters in your heart." *New Living Translation*

"When you forgive someone, you set a prisoner free... and then you find that the prisoner was you." - **Dr. Lewis Smedes**

"When we don't forgive it's like drinking poison and expecting someone else to die"

Everyone must answer to God

Romans 12:17 Never pay back evil with more evil. Do things in such a way that everyone can see you are honorable. **18** Do all that you can to live in peace with everyone. **19** Dear friends, never take revenge. Leave that to the righteous anger of God. For the Scriptures say, "I will take revenge; **I will pay them back**," says the LORD. ***New Living Translation-SE***

Galatians 6:7 Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. ***New International Version***

Three secrets to forgiving

1. Don't share the wrong done

1 Peter 4:8 Most important of all, continue to show deep love for each other, for **love covers** a multitude of sins. ***New Living Translation-SE***

2. Pray for them

Matthew 5:43 "You have heard the law that says, 'Love your neighbor' and hate your enemy. **44** But I say, love your enemies! **Pray for** those who persecute you! **45** In that way, you will be acting as true children of your Father in heaven. For he gives his sunlight to both the evil and the good, and he sends rain on the just and the unjust alike. ***New Living Translation-SE***

3. Bless them

Luke 6:27 "But I tell you who hear me: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, **28 bless** those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. ***New International Version***

1 Peter 3:8 Summing up: Be agreeable, be sympathetic, be loving, be compassionate, be humble. **9** That goes for all of you, no exceptions. No retaliation. No sharp-tongued sarcasm. Instead, **bless--that's your job, to bless**. You'll be a blessing and also get a blessing. ***Message Translation***

The Bible way to bless a person

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will place my name on the People of Israel-- I will confirm it by blessing them."

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