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## Walking in Forgiveness

### 1. Understand God's Forgiveness.

- **Micah 7:19** (NLT) Once again you will have compassion on us. You will trample our sins under your feet and throw them into the depths of the ocean!
- **Psalms 103:12** (NLT) 12 He has removed our sins as far from us as the east is from the west.
- **Hebrews 8:10-12** (NLT) 10 But this is the new covenant I will make with the people of Israel on that day, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their minds, and I will write them on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. 11 And they will not need to teach their neighbors, nor will they need to teach their relatives, saying, 'You should know the Lord.' For everyone, from the least to the greatest, will know me already. 12 And I will forgive their wickedness, and I will never again remember their sins.
- **2 Corinthians 5:17-19** (NLT) This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun! 18 And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to himself through Christ. And God has given us this task of reconciling people to him. 19 For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation.

 ***D.L. Moody said, "Those who say they will forgive but can't forget, simply bury the hatchet but leave the handle out for immediate use."***

- **Luke 23:34** (NLT) Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they don't know what they are doing." And the soldiers gambled for his clothes by throwing dice.
- Colossians 3:13 (NLT) Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others
- **Matthew 18:21-22** (NLT) Then Peter came to him and asked, "Lord, how often should I forgive someone who sins against me? Seven times?" 22 "No, not seven times," Jesus replied, "but seventy times seven!"
- **Matthew 18:23-35** (NLT) 23 "Therefore, the Kingdom of Heaven can be compared to a king who decided to bring his accounts up to date with servants who had borrowed money from him. 24 In the process, one of his debtors was brought in who owed him millions of dollars. 25 He couldn't pay, so his master ordered that he be sold—along with his wife, his children, and everything he owned—to pay the debt. 26 "But the man fell down before his master and begged him, 'Please, be patient with me, and I will pay it all.' 27 Then his master was filled with pity for him, and he released him and forgave his debt. 28 "But when the man left the king, he went to a fellow servant who owed him a few thousand dollars. He grabbed him by the throat and demanded instant payment. 29 "His fellow servant fell down before him and begged for a little more time. 'Be patient with me, and I will pay it,' he pleaded. 30 But his creditor wouldn't wait. He had the man arrested and put in prison until the debt could be paid in full. 31 "When some of the other servants saw this, they were very upset. They went to the king and told him everything that had happened. 32 Then the king called in the man he had forgiven and said, 'You evil servant! I forgave you that tremendous debt because you pleaded with me. 33 Shouldn't you have mercy on your fellow servant, just as I had mercy on you?' 34 Then the angry king sent the man to prison to be tortured until he had paid his entire debt. 35 "That's what my heavenly Father will do to you if you refuse to forgive your brothers and sisters from your heart."

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## 2. Purpose to Forgive.

- **Matthew 6:9-13** (NLT) 9 Pray like this: Our Father in heaven, may your name be kept holy. 0 May your Kingdom come soon. May your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. 11 Give us today the food we need, 12 and forgive us our sins, as we have forgiven those who sin against us. 13 And don't let us yield to temptation, but rescue us from the evil one.
- **Matthew 6:15** (NLT) But if you refuse to forgive others, your Father will not forgive your sins.
- **Mark 11:25** But when you are praying, first forgive anyone you are holding a grudge against, so that your Father in heaven will forgive your sins, too."
- **Matthew 3:8** (ESV) Bear fruit in keeping with repentance.
- **James 2:26** (NLT) Just as the body is dead without breath, so also faith is dead without good works.
- **Proverbs 4:23** (NLT) Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life.

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## 3. Love Motivates Us to Forgive.

- **John 14:15** (NLT) "If you love me, obey my commandments.
- **John 3:16** (NLT) "For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.
- **1 Peter 4:8** (NLT) Most important of all, continue to show deep love for each other, for love covers a multitude of sins.

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