



What Does No Forgiveness for Unforgiveness Mean For A Believer?

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Introduction

I. Today's Question

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Jesus stresses that those who refuse to forgive others, will not be forgiven as well. What does this mean for believers who have experienced the forgiveness of Christ?

II. The Struggle

- a. Expressing forgiveness to those who have hurt us is difficult.
- b. We feel doomed by Jesus' words.

Scripture Matthew 6:15

But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

Scripture Matthew 18:35

“So My heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother his trespasses.”

III. The Nature of Forgiveness

- a. Forgiveness does not diminish the hurt or pain of the offense.**
- b. Forgiveness is not forgetting.**
- c. Forgiveness is not releasing the offender from the penalty for their sin.**
- d. Forgiveness is more than a one-time action.**
- e. Forgiveness is releasing ourselves from resentment.**

III. The Hard Saying

- a. We are called to forgive others as we have been forgiven by God.**

Scripture Ephesians 4:32

And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.

Scripture Matthew 6:14

“For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.

- b. Refusing to forgive reveals a lack of appreciation for our forgiveness.**
- c. There is a difference between refusing to forgive and the struggle to forgive.**
- d. The lack of forgiveness affects our relationship with God.**

Scripture Psalm 66:18

If I regard iniquity in my heart,
The Lord will not hear.

Conclusion