

Give Yourself A Gift—Forgive

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Luke 11:1-13

Is it possible that God's forgiveness is not only the gift that opens the door to eternal life but opens every door to relationships on earth? Jesus never asks anyone to do what He has not done. He always offers forgiveness to heal a wound that can be healed no other way. He asks His disciples to follow the same pattern. He doesn't want us to offer forgiveness based on personal preference or fairness, but because He proved that freedom and abundant life waits on the other side.

Forgiveness offers the gift of freedom not available any other way. It is freedom from having to carry anger, freedom from the desire to make someone else pay for a wound that only God can heal, freedom that returns to God all judgment. It is the gift that rights the relationship on your side, whether or not it means anything to the other person.

Just think how many people Jesus has offered His forgiveness to who have not accepted it. He never says, "Well that's that. I'll never do that again." He just keeps on offering. So should we.

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