

Message: The Forgiveness Connection

The most powerful connector in the relationships that matter most is forgiveness. Matthew 6:9-15

Without forgiveness there can be no meaningful relationship.

What forgiveness is not:

1. Justifying their actions.
2. Trusting the passage of time.
3. Denying that you are hurt.
4. Confronting personally.

Steps to forgive others:

- Remember. Isaiah 1:18; Matthew 18:32-35
- Release. Romans 12:17-19
- Recognize. Romans 8:28
- Reestablish. Romans 12:18; Romans 12:21

Forgiving yourself is a requirement for connecting with others.

- Come to God for Forgiveness. 1 John 1:9
- God forgives: specifically, instantly, completely, repeatedly, freely

Forgiving others and myself requires changing my life pattern.

Philippians 2:12-13

Forgiving others and myself requires creating a new future for the relationship. Matthew 16:18; 2 Corinthians 12:19

A prayer for forgiving others:

Dear Heavenly Father, thank You for how much You have forgiven me. Today, I forgive *(say the name of the person you are forgiving)*. God, I'm forgiving them for *(just tell God what it is; He already knows, but there is something about saying it and releasing that person)*. God show me the action I need to take to reestablish the relationship. Help me to forgive others as much as You have forgiven me. In Jesus name, amen.

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Talking To God

Take some time to list below what is weighing down your heart and bring it to God in prayer:

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