



Definition: “to stop blaming or being angry with someone for something that person has done, or not punish them for something”

FORGIVENESS

“Father, forgive them for they know not what they do!”
Luke 23:34

ACTS OF
FORGIVENESS IN
THE BIBLE
WHAT IS SIMILAR
AND WHAT IS
DIFFERENT
BETWEEN THESE
EXAMPLES

Joseph forgave his brothers

'And Joseph situated his father and his brothers and gave them a possession in the land of Egypt, in the best of the land, in the land of Rameses, as Pharaoh had commanded. Then Joseph provided his father, his brothers, and all his father's household with bread, according to the number in their families.'

Genesis 47:11-12

The prodigal son was forgiven by his father

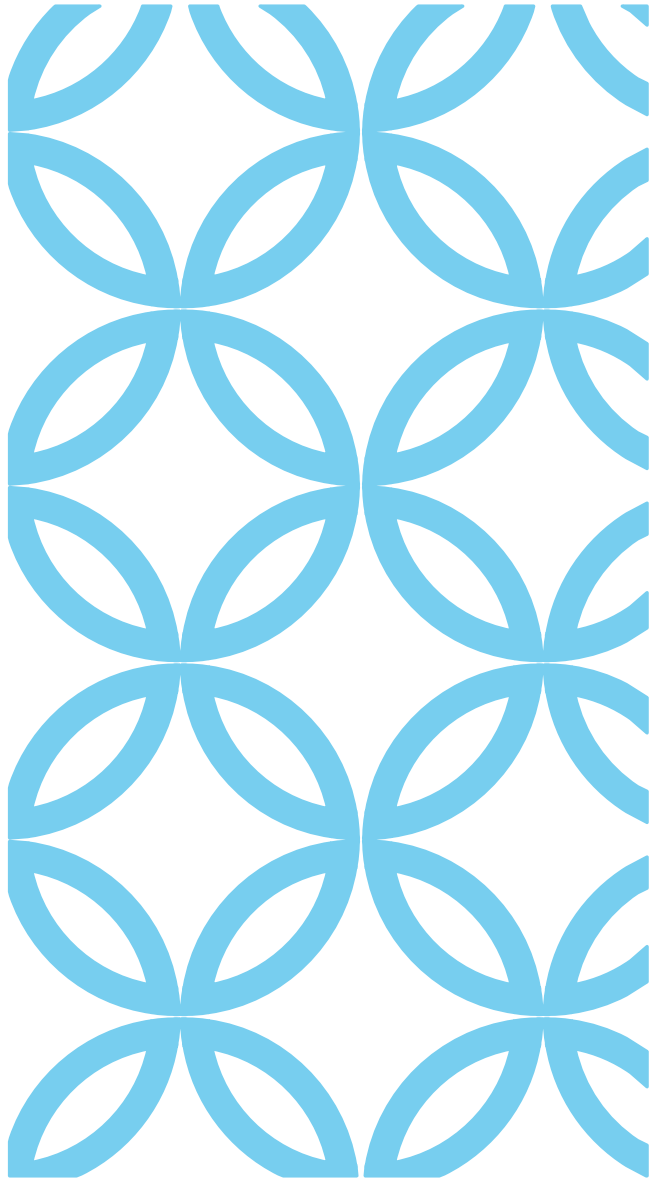
"But the father said to his servants, 'Bring out the best robe and put it on him and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet. And bring the fatted calf here and kill it and let us eat and be merry; for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' And they began to be merry.'

Luke 15:22-24

Jesus forgave his persecutors

'Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do." And they divided His garments and cast lots. And the people stood looking on. But even the rulers with them sneered, saying, "He saved others; let Him save Himself if He is the Christ, the chosen of God.'"

Luke 23:34-35



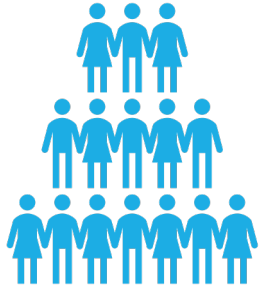
'Then Peter came up and said to him, "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times. '

Matthew 18:21-22 is followed by "The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant"

... 'So also, my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.'"

*In the King James version, FORGIVE is used 56 times and FORGIVEN 42 times
... search for either in the Bible App and share some examples from Scripture.*

HOW MANY TIMES ARE WE TOLD TO FORGIVE?



Who was forgiven?



What was forgiven?



How long did it take to
forgive?

ACTS OF FORGIVENESS IN YOUR LIFE
EXAMPLES OF WHERE YOU HAVE BEEN FORGIVEN OR HAVE FORGIVEN
OTHERS

THE IMPACT OF FORGIVENESS

HOW DOES IT MAKE PEOPLE FEEL?

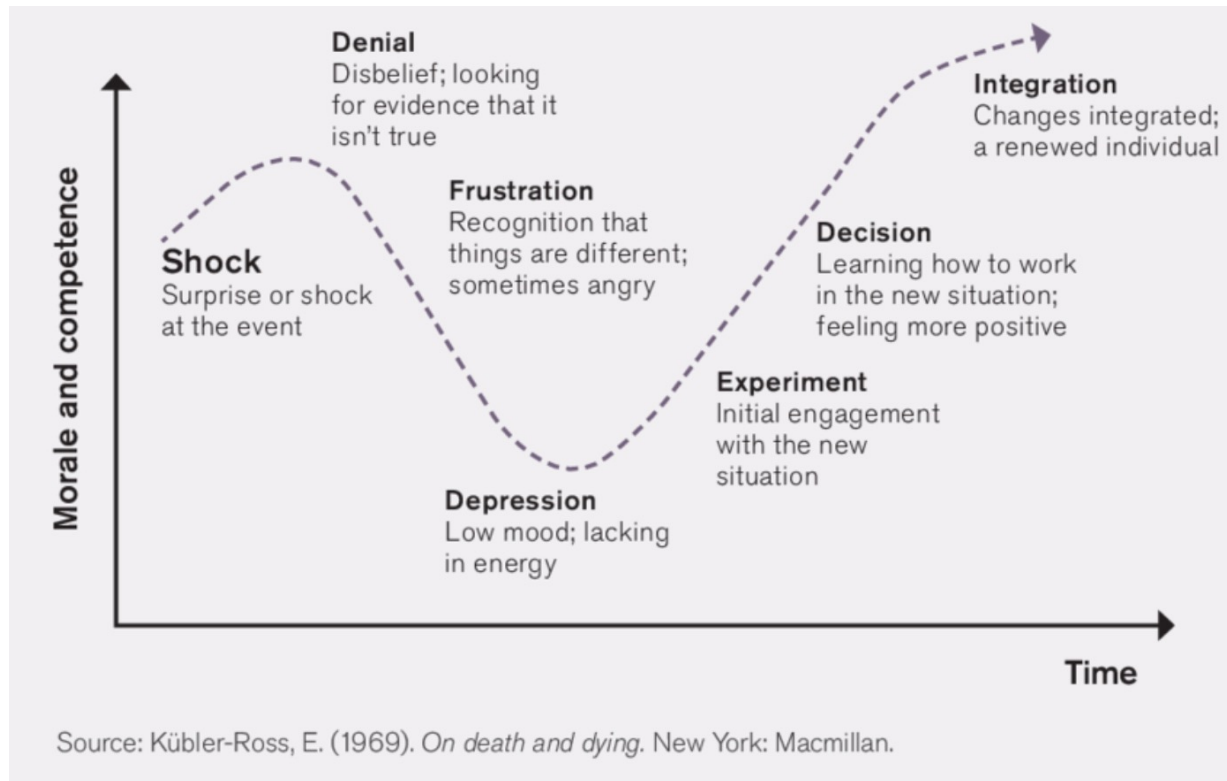
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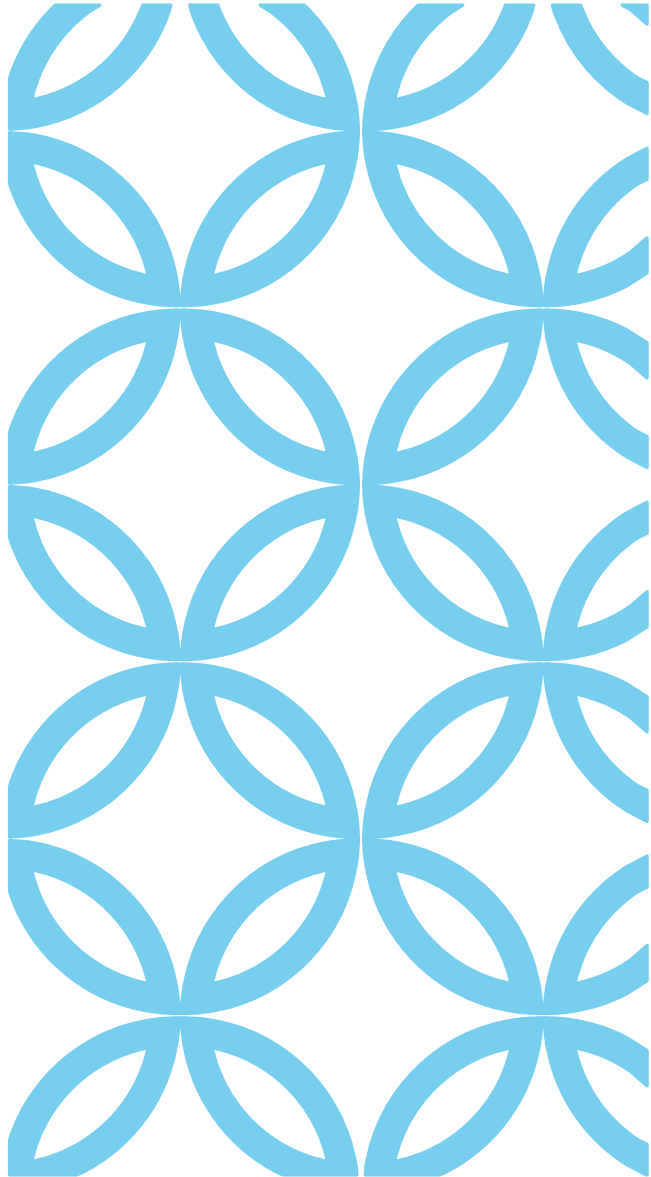
THE PATH TO FORGIVENESS SIMILARITIES WITH THE CHANGE CURVE



How is this different to the experience of Jesus at Calvary?

- Was he shocked at his betrayal by Judas?
- Was he angry at Peter when he denied knowing him?
- Did he fight back when the crowd mocked him?
- Was he frustrated when Pilate and Herod failed to free him?
- Was he depressed when they decided to crucify him?
- How long did it take him to accept his fate?
- How long did it take him to forgive those who had wronged him?

See Luke Chapters 22 and 23



Jesus Is ...

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