



Forgive as You Have Been Forgiven

Scripture: *“If you forgive those who sin against you, your heavenly Father will forgive you. But if you refuse to forgive others, your Father will not forgive your sins.”* Matthew 6:14–15

Colossians 3:13; Ephesians 4:31–32

Jesus Is Speaking to You

Can I ask you something that only you and the Lord may know?

Is there someone you've been struggling to forgive?

Maybe you've tried.

Maybe you've been praying about it.

However, every time you remember what happened, the pain returns.

If that's where you are today, I want you to know that Jesus Christ sees your hurt.

Understand, He is not asking you to pretend it didn't happen.

He is not asking you to call evil good.

Instead, He is inviting you to bring your wounded heart to Him.

Before Jesus ever asks you to forgive someone else, He reminds you how deeply you have been loved and forgiven by your heavenly Father.

Everything begins there.

What Is Jesus Teaching You?

Understand, when Jesus teaches you to forgive, He isn't placing another burden on your shoulders. He's inviting you into freedom.

Unforgiveness has a way of keeping yesterday alive.

It quietly follows you into today.

It shapes your thoughts, your relationships, and sometimes even the way you see God.

Jesus loves you too much to leave you carrying that weight.

He invites you to place it into His hands.

Now don't miss this.

Forgiveness does not erase the past.

It releases the past into the hands of the righteous Judge.

It is choosing to trust Jesus with what you cannot change.



A Lie You May Be Believing

Maybe you've believed that forgiving someone means saying what they did was acceptable. Or maybe you've believed that if you forgive, justice will never be done.

However, Jesus never asks you to deny the truth.

He is the Truth.

Forgiveness doesn't ignore the wound.

It brings the wound to the One who heals- Jesus Christ.

You don't forgive because the other person deserves it.

You forgive because Christ has forgiven you, and because He desires to free your heart from the burden you've been carrying.

What Difference Does This Make?

When you choose to forgive, something beautiful begins to happen.

The past no longer has the same hold on your heart.

Bitterness slowly gives way to peace.

The desire for revenge is replaced by trust in God's justice.

Your heart becomes more open to the healing that only Jesus can bring.

Forgiveness doesn't always change the other person. But it does change you.

It creates room for Christ to continue His restoring work within your heart.

How Should This Shape the Way You Live?

Let me ask you, is there a name that comes to your mind as you read these words?

If so, don't tuck it away.

Bring that person before the Lord.

Be honest about your hurt. Jesus already knows.

Then ask Him, **"Lord, would You help me forgive as You have forgiven me?"**

Now, this may not happen all at once.

Sometimes forgiveness is a journey of daily surrender.

But every step you take with Jesus Christ is a step toward freedom.

Choose today to walk that journey with Him.

He will not leave you to walk it alone.

A Prayer

Father, thank You for forgiving me through Jesus Christ.

You know the pain I've carried.

You know the wounds that still hurt.



Today I place them into Your hands.
Help me forgive as You have forgiven me.
Heal the places in my heart that only You can heal.
Teach me to trust Your justice, rest in Your love, and continue walking closely with Jesus.
In His name I pray.
Amen.

An Invitation

Before you continue with your day, spend some time alone with the Lord.
Read the Scriptures again.
Ask Jesus, **"Is there someone You are inviting me to forgive today?"**

If a name comes to your mind, don't rush.
Stay with Jesus. Talk honestly with Him about your hurt.
Then ask Him to give you the grace to take the next step.

You may discover that forgiveness isn't something you accomplish in your own strength.
It's something Jesus Christ patiently works in your heart as you continue to abide in Him.
And as you walk with Him, you'll find that the freedom He gives is deeper than simply letting go of the past.

It's the freedom of becoming more like the One who forgave you first - Jesus Christ.