

The POWER of FORGIVENESS—Lesson Six

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Offense is what creates the breach. _____ is how we deal with that breach. What is forgiveness? Biblical forgiveness involves _____. Forgiveness at its core means we choose to lay down our right to have the one who offended us owe us something. Forgiveness is a _____. Let's examine some scriptures on forgiveness.

- 1 John 1:9-10
- Psalm 25:16-18
- Matthew 6:9-15.

It appears in Matthew 6 Jesus is saying if you don't forgive other people, God will not forgive you. Jesus says this in the context of relationships. If we must do anything, other than believe on Jesus for salvation, _____. Examine: Ephesians 2:4-10; Acts 15:10-12. We are not saved by works, _____. God will sometimes allow the saved person to continue in their sin, until they come to a place of repentance. Examine: Luke 15:11-32. In Luke 15, the prodigal son comes to true repentance because he knows the father's love. _____.

Examine: Matthew 18:21-35. The main mechanism used in this parable is comparison. Ten-thousand bags of gold were a debt _____. One commentator said it would take the servant 150,000 years worth of income to repay the king. In comparison, 100 silver coins, though costly, pales in comparison to 10,000 bags of gold.

We forgive because _____. Forgiveness is not what you do out of some mandatory obligation because you're afraid you'll end up in hell. You forgive because you know you've been forgiven! Forgiveness is a reminder of the goodness of God. Examine: Ephesians 4:32; Psalm 86:5; Luke 7:36-47.
