

Forgiveness
Follow The Leader
Mark 2:1-12

Introduction

Forgiveness involves you.
Reconciliation involves us.
Trust takes time.

I. The God of Forgiveness

Forgiveness is who God is it's his nature. It is what God does.

II. The Definition of God's Forgiveness

- A. God's forgiveness is an expression of God's love.
- B. God's forgiveness is an expression of God's grace.
- C. God's forgiveness is an expression of God's mercy.
- D. God's forgiveness is an expression of God's generosity.

III. The Need For God's Forgiveness

- A. You need God's forgiveness because you were born in sin. Romans 3:23
- B. Forgiveness operates in the realm of sin.
Colossians 1:13-14, Psalm 32:1, Mark 1:4

IV. The Price of God's Forgiveness

- A. The penalty of sin is death. Romans 6:23
- B. Without the shedding of blood there is no remission for sin. Hebrews 9:22
- C. For you to forgive others there must be a death also a death to your pride.

V. The Reception of God's Forgiveness

- A. The first aspect involves faith.
- B. The second aspect involves confession
1 John 1:9
- C. The third aspect involves repentance.
Luke 24:47, Acts 3:19

Conclusion

If you can't forgive, maybe you have never experienced the forgiveness of God.
If you are a Christian and can't forgive you are living in sin.
We should follow our leader Christ who always forgave even on the cross.