

FORGIVE, FORGIVE, FORGIVE...

HIGH CALLING DISCIPLESHIP 4

Jesus' Teaching: Forgive, forgive, forgive...

Matthew 18:21-22 Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?"

²² Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times. NIV

Embrace an attitude of forgiveness for the common infractions.

Embark on a journey of forgiveness for the big offenses.

Pray

Share your hurts with God.
Pray for comfort in your hurt.

Pray that God would help you forgive.
Pray that God would help you be willing to pray that God would help you forgive.

Pray that God would help you understand your inner wrestle.

Pore over scripture.

Meditate on verses that God gives you.

Memorize verses that are related.

Proverbs 17:9 He who covers over an offense promotes love, but whoever repeats the matter separates close friends.

Matthew 6:12 "Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors." (Also Luke 11:4)

Matthew 6:14-15 "For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.

¹⁵But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins."

Matthew 18:32-35 "Then the master called the servant in. 'You wicked servant,' he said, 'I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. ³³Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?'

³⁴In anger his master turned him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed.

³⁵"This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother from your heart."

Matthew 18:15-17 "If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault, just between the two of you. If he listens to you, you have won your brother over. ¹⁶But if he will not listen, take one or two others along, so that 'every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.' ¹⁷If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, treat him as you would a pagan or a tax collector."

Mark 11:25 "And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive him, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins."

Luke 6:37b "Forgive, and you will be forgiven."

Luke 23:34a Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.”

Acts 7:59-60 While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” ⁶⁰Then he fell on his knees and cried out, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he fell asleep.

Romans 12:17-21 Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everybody. ¹⁸If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. ¹⁹Do not take revenge, my friends, but leave room for God’s wrath, for it is written: “It is mine to avenge; I will repay,” says the Lord. ²⁰On the contrary: “If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head.” ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Romans 14:4 Who are you to judge someone else’s servant? To his own master he stands or falls. And he will stand, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

Ephesians 4:32 Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

Colossians 3:13 Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

Get counsel from others who have forgiven great wounds.

Cory ten Boom – How to Forgive
tinyurl.com/CTBforgive

Loving Well: Forgiveness – Dove – Nov 17, 2019
tinyurl.com/LovingWell

Forgiveness (Let, Leave, Love) – Steve –
Aug 1, 2021
tinyurl.com/3L-Forgiveness

Being Wronged (A Higher Calling 6) – Dove – Oct 21, 2016
tinyurl.com/BeingWronged

Seek to understand the mercy you’ve been shown.

Matthew 18:23-34 “Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴ As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold was brought to him. ²⁵ Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt.

²⁶ “At this the servant fell on his knees before him. ‘Be patient with me,’ he begged, ‘and I will pay back everything.’ ²⁷ The servant’s master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go.

²⁸ “But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins. He grabbed him and began to choke him. ‘Pay back what you owe me!’ he demanded.

²⁹ “His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.’

³⁰ “But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. ³¹ When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened.

³² “Then the master called the servant in. ‘You wicked servant,’ he said, ‘I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. ³³ Shouldn’t you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?’ ³⁴ In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed. NIV

Jesus calls us to show 77x-mercy, because that is the type of mercy we’ve been shown.