

Freedom in Christ



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Unresolved personal and spiritual conflicts



Unforgiveness



“If you forgive anyone, I also forgive him. And what I have forgiven – if there was anything to forgive – I have forgiven in the sight of Christ for your sake, in order that Satan might not outwit us. For we are not unaware of his schemes.” (2 Corinthians 2:10-11).



Nothing keeps you in bondage to the past more than an unwillingness to forgive. Nothing gives Satan greater opportunity to stop a church growing than roots of bitterness, the evidence of personal unforgiveness, and pride.



'Of the hundreds of people I have had the privilege to help find their freedom in Christ, forgiveness has been the primary issue, and in some cases the only issue that needed to be resolved. Ask any of our staff members what affords satan the greatest access to the church, and based on years of experience, they would all say unforgiveness.' Neil Anderson



Forgiveness is the key that unlocks the door of resentment and the handcuffs of hate. It is a power that breaks the chains of bitterness and the shackles of selfishness. He who cannot forgive others, breaks the bridge over which he himself must pass.



Luke 23:34 (ANIV)

³⁴ Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.



John 13:34-35 (ANIV)

³⁴ "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.

³⁵ By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."



**Offering Forgiveness is foundational to
a relationship with God**



Matthew 6:14-15 (ANIV)

¹⁴ For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.

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



Forgiveness is to set a captive free and then realise that you were the captive. This is an issue between you and God. He commands you to forgive because He loves you. He knows that bitterness will defile you and others, and cause you to miss out on the abundant life that Jesus came to give you.

