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COMPLICATED LIFE, FAITHFUL GOD

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THE PROCESS OF FORGIVENESS

GENESIS 45:1-11 & 50:15-21 (P. 35)

“EVERYONE SAYS FORGIVENESS IS A LOVELY IDEA,
UNTIL THEY HAVE SOMETHING TO FORGIVE.” - C.S. LEWIS

- FORGIVENESS – THE WILLFUL, HEARTFELT RELEASE OF A DEBT SOMEONE OWES YOU.

- WAYS WE TRY TO COLLECT:

TRY TO PLEASE THEM

TRY TO MAKE THEM UNDERSTAND; CONFRONT

TRY TO CONVINCE OTHERS

TAKE IT OUT ON SOMEONE ELSE

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- FORGIVENESS CAN BE PAINFUL. JOSEPH WEPT.
GENESIS 42:24, 43:30, 45:14, 50:1, 50:17

- RELEASE COMES FROM CHRISTIAN THINKING.
GOD IS SOVEREIGN AND FAITHFUL.
ACTS 2:23

- FORGIVENESS IS SHOWN IN SINCERE PROXIMITY AND GENEROSITY.
PROVERBS 17:9

- TRUE FORGIVENESS AND REBUILDING TAKE TIME.



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FORGIVENESS

VERSES

GOD'S COMMAND TO FORGIVE ONE ANOTHER

MATTHEW 5:23-24, 6:12, 6:14, 6:15, 18:21, 18:27, 18:32 & 18:35, MARK 11:25,
LUKE 6:37, 11:4 & 17:3-4, 2 CORINTHIANS 2:7 & 2:10, EPHESIANS 4:32, COLOSSIANS 3:13

IF WE DESIRE GOD'S FORGIVENESS, WE MUST FORGIVE OTHERS

MATTHEW 6:15 & 18:35, MARK 11:26, LUKE 6:37

UNFORGIVENESS AS SIN

ROMANS 1:28-32, 2 TIMOTHY 3:1-5, JAMES 4:17

PEOPLE SEEKING/GRANTING FORGIVENESS

GENESIS 50:17, EXODUS 10:17, 1 SAMUEL 15:25, 25:28, 2 CORINTHIANS 12:13

SELECTED CASES OF FORGIVENESS

GENESIS 33:1-4 - ESAU FORGIVES JACOB

GENESIS 45:1-46:1 - JOSEPH FORGIVES HIS BROTHERS

HOSEA 1:3-3:6 - HOSEA FORGIVES HIS ADULTEROUS WIFE

LUKE 15:11-32 - PARABLE OF A FATHER WHO FORGIVES HIS PRODIGAL SON

QUOTES

"A GOOD MARRIAGE IS THE UNION OF TWO FORGIVERS." - RUTH BELL GRAHAM

"IT IS FAR BETTER TO FORGIVE AND FORGET THAN TO RESENT AND REMEMBER." - OUR DAILY BREAD

GENERAL OGLETHORPE ONCE SAID TO JOHN WESLEY, "I NEVER FORGIVE AND I NEVER FORGET." TO WHICH WESLEY REPLIED, "THEN, SIR, I HOPE YOU NEVER SIN."

"TO FORGIVE IS TO SET A PRISONER FREE AND DISCOVER THAT THE PRISONER WAS YOU." - LEWIS B. SMEDES

"YOU WILL KNOW THAT FORGIVENESS HAS BEGUN WHEN YOU RECALL THOSE WHO HURT YOU AND FEEL THE POWER TO WISH THEM WELL." - LEWIS B. SMEDES

"ONCE A WOMAN HAS FORGIVEN HER MAN, SHE MUST NOT REHEAT HIS SINS FOR BREAKFAST." - MARLENE DIETRICH