

## Forgiveness Is NOT A Process

### We Have Been Commanded to Forgive

*“For if you forgive men when they sin against you your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.” - Matthew 6:14*

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

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

### Anger’s Divine Purpose

- Anger is not a sin, in and of itself.
- God refers to Himself as an angry God
- Anger is our judicial sentiment. It mobilizes us to right a wrong, an injustice.

### What Forgiveness Is Not

- A process
- Going to the person who has offended you (Ministry of Reconciliation)
- A feeling/emotion. It is a command of Scripture.
- A pardon. God keeps a careful account of wrongs done. In **your** heart the offender’s slate will be clean, but your offender will still have to answer to the Supreme Judge for what they have done to you. God’s desire is to “detangle” you from their offense.
- Permission to continue the mistreatment

### What Forgiveness Is

- A decision for obedience
- A supernatural act of the Holy Spirit of God
- A miracle God longs to perform in your heart

## Practical Steps Toward Forgiveness

1. Go to the Lord, TODAY. Ask Him to first forgive you for your unforgiveness.
2. Journal/Bible - Write, "In obedience to your Word, I choose to forgive \_\_\_\_\_ for every wrong they have ever committed against me". Date it. Sign it.
3. Ask the Lord to do a miracle of cleansing/healing in your heart.
4. Believe that He has. Thank Him. Praise Him. Amen.
5. You may not feel the change immediately.
6. Remember, the Enemy is relentless to keep you entangled. He will come to you and whisper something that you had **forgotten** that this person had done to you. Believe that God has worked a miracle in your life.

## Obedience IS the Process

- I will not think on it with my mind.
- I will not dwell on it in my heart.
- I will not speak of it with my mouth.

## The Feelings Will Follow

- This is **God's** work of righteousness. We are called to be obedient. He **will** be faithful.

*"With my mouth I will make your faithfulness known through all generations. You established faithfulness in heaven itself. O Lord, God Almighty, who is like you? You are mighty, O Lord, and your faithfulness surrounds you." - Psalm 89*

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