

“FORGIVE ONE ANOTHER”
Authentic Relationships #5
May 9, 2021

*Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone.
Forgive as the Lord forgave you. Colossians 3:13*

Key Biblical Principle: My forgiveness of others is to be modeled after God’s Forgiveness of me!
Forgive as the Lord forgave you. Colossians 3:13c

God’s Forgiveness of Me: *God’s forgiveness is a commitment by the one true God to pardon graciously those who repent and believe so that they are reconciled to him, although not all consequences are eliminated.*

Forgiving Others: *A commitment by the offended to pardon graciously the repentant from moral liability and to be reconciled to that person, although not all consequences are necessarily eliminated.*

Key Principles:

1. **Forgiveness is a _____** – *Bear with each other and forgive one another... Colossians 3:13a*

2. **Christians forgive _____** – *Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Colossians 3:13b*

3. **Christian forgiveness is a commitment to the _____** – *So watch yourselves. “If your brother or sister sins against you, rebuke them; and if they repent, forgive them. ⁴ Even if they sin against you seven times in a day and seven times come back to you saying ‘I repent,’ you must forgive them.” Luke 17:3-4*

4. **The goal of forgiveness is _____ and _____** – *If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. Romans 12:18*

5. **_____ are not necessarily eliminated** – *Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. Galatians 6:7*

How to Get Free from Bitterness:

THE JOURNEY DEVOTIONAL
May 9th, 2021 Week
Discussion Questions from the Sermon

1. What was something you read in the weekly Scripture passages or heard in the sermon that made an impact on you? Explain.
2. Generally speaking, how do you think a spirit marked by bitterness impacts a person (think in terms of spiritually, emotionally, relationally, and physically)?
3. Read Colossians 3:12-17. What commands does Paul give for the church? Why do you think he begins, in verse 12, with the challenge to “clothe” ourselves with godly character before he brings the remaining challenges?
4. We are to forgive in the same way the Lord has forgiven us. What does that look like?
5. In the sermon we broke down the definition of forgiving others. Which of these five “Key Principles” is particularly challenging for you? Why?
6. What would you recommend to someone who struggles with bitterness?
7. What is one specific way you can apply the biblical readings and/or the sermon in your life this week? That is, what will you do and when will you do it?

Weekly Bible Memory Verse: *Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.* Colossians 3:13

Bible Readings: Reading these passages of Scripture will help you become like Jesus in how you think and what you do, in addition to preparing you for next week’s sermon. Remember to read these passages slowly, allowing the Lord to speak to your heart and mind:

Monday – Matthew 18:21-35

Tuesday – 1 John 1:5-2:2

Wednesday – Romans 12:9-21

Thursday – Psalm 1

Friday – Hosea 14

Saturday – Matthew 18:21-35

Sunday – Colossians 3:1-17