



## Building Block #2: Forgiveness

### I. The Forgiveness Breaker

- Forgiveness is distinctive of \_\_\_\_\_.
- "No Wake Zones" are \_\_\_\_\_ without forgiveness.
- Forgiveness is not a \_\_\_\_\_ of salvation but a \_\_\_\_\_ of it.

Forgiveness: A decision to release a person from the obligation that resulted when he injured you.

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."*

Forgiveness begins with a choice and is followed by a process.

Who do I need to forgive?  
 What do I need to forgive them of?  
 What is my forgiveness factor?

Luke 6:37  
*"Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven."*

### II. The Tsunami of Unforgiveness

Matthew 18:21-35  
*Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother when he sins against me? Up to seven times?" 22 Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times. 23 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 talents 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 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 denarii. 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 you 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 greatly distressed 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 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."*

- A. Unforgiveness is a cancer to your \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

- When we choose to \_\_\_\_\_ we choose to \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. \_\_\_\_\_ forgiveness always leads to \_\_\_\_\_.
- C. The fall out of unforgiveness will \_\_\_\_\_ you from people.
- D. Unforgiveness will \_\_\_\_\_ you before the king.
- E. Unforgiveness has \_\_\_\_\_ on this life and the life to come.

Matthew 6:14-15

James 2:13

### III. The Calm of Forgiveness

- A. The \_\_\_\_\_ to forgive is for a believer.
- \_\_\_\_\_ others means accepting their \_\_\_\_\_.

Forgiveness is not:

- Endorsing a behavior •
- Enabling a sinner •
- Rescuing a loved one •
- Risking your own safety •

- Walking in forgiveness requires the \_\_\_\_\_ to forgive and the \_\_\_\_\_ of forgiveness.

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- B. The process of forgiveness involves:
1. Treating the person as if the offense hasn't \_\_\_\_\_.
  2. \_\_\_\_\_ not to bring the offense up to myself, the offender or anyone else.

God extends His power in my life when I enter into the process of forgiveness.

- C. Blessings of forgiveness
- \_\_\_\_\_ will never dock in my life as long as I \_\_\_\_\_ unforgiveness.
  - Forgiveness to \_\_\_\_\_ must be viewed in light of God's forgiveness of \_\_\_\_\_.
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