

Forgiveness

The Key to Peace

Forgiveness

- Why do we need to forgive?
 - Hinders your prayer life
 - Matt 6:14,15
 - Runs your faith confession
 - Mark 11:25
 - Gives Satan advantage over you
 - 2 Cor 2:10,11
 - Your salvation depends on it
 - Matt 18:35

Forgiveness

- What it is not....
- Getting over it
- Letting it go
- Being ok with it
- Simply a feeling...

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- Wikipedia: **Forgiveness** is the intentional and voluntary process by which a victim undergoes a change in feelings and attitude regarding an offense, lets go of negative emotions such as vengefulness, with an increased ability to wish the offender well.

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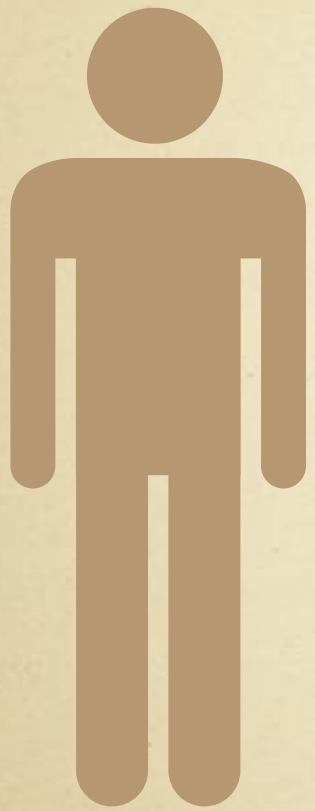
➤ Matt 18:21 - 35

➤ V27 - “Then the master of that servant was moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him the debt...”

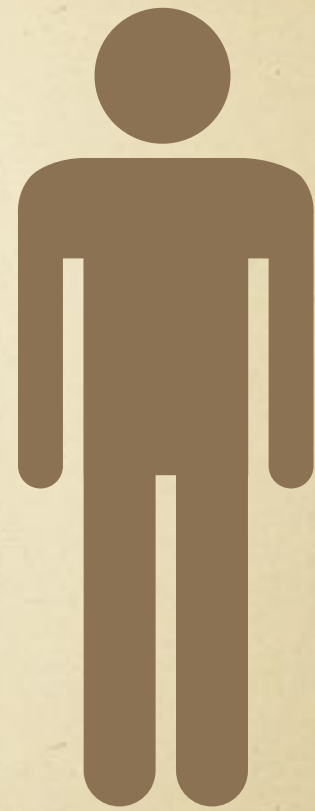
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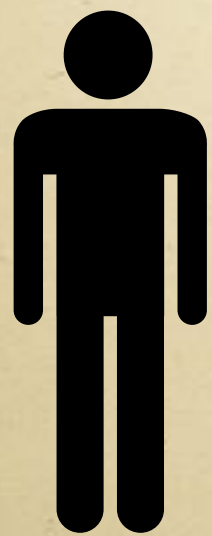
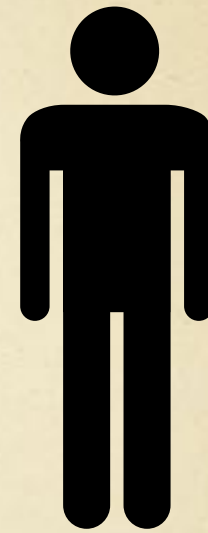
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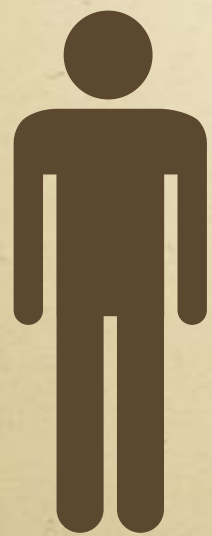
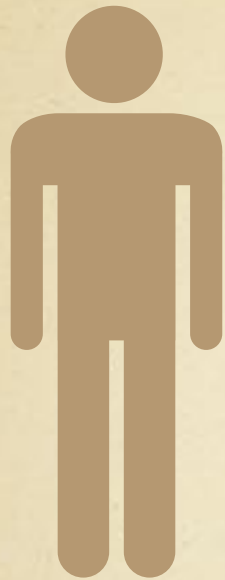
➤ “To absolve for payment of; to refrain from imposing punishment on an offender or demanding satisfaction for an offense.”



Debt







Forgiveness

➤ Unforgiveness binds us to the debt that is owed

Reconciliation

The Key to Healing

Reconciliation

- Romans 5:6-11 Paul suggests that relations between God and his people had broken down-we became powerless, ungodly, sinners and enemies and we were experiencing Gods wrath-but reconciliation came through the death of Christ “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come”
- God was the wounded party yet he chose to forgive us and reconcile us to him
- Reconciliation suggests that the wounded party is the one that needs to offer the gift of reconciliation-God the wronged party in the equation between himself and man-was the one who reconciled the world to himself.-What does this say to any of you that have been hurt by a friend, a family member, a spouse, a council, a Ministry or a country.

Reconciliation

➤ Rom 5:8

➤ 2 Peter 3:9

Reconciliation

- Romans 10:9 -If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead you shall be saved.

Reconciliation

- Confession
- 1 sided
- Not dependent on the other person to release you

Reconciliation

Confessing your sin to a wronged person makes it possible to break down barriers created by the enemy through the sin. Forgiveness aids people to remove obstacles in their life that might delay or deny them the opportunity to be reconciled with God or with other people.

Lets turn to Zimbabwe. We are facing major challenges, but as I said we are a praying country, yet we are not turning the corner. Have we dealt with the violence, pain, anguish caused on one another over the many years.

Will God Bless Zimbabwe if its people refuse to forgive, reconcile and change- are we are far from that day when we will ascend to the mountain top as a people-WHY!!!!!!!

Reconciliation

➤ James 5:16

Reconciliation

➤ Reconciliation and consequence



Forgiveness

➤ Prayer:

➤ “Father today I confess that I am carrying unforgiveness in my heart towards _____. I have felt that they (he/she) needed to pay me back for _____. Today Lord, I choose to release the debt owed to me by _____ and I no longer expect them to pay me back. I thank you that as I release the debt owed to me by _____ that you wash me and cleanse me from this debt and from the unforgiveness I have held. From today I look to you only to restore what has been lost. In Jesus name.”

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➤ Prayer:

➤ “Father today I confess that I am carrying unforgiveness in my heart towards white people, Shonas, Ndebeles, Coloureds. I have felt that they needed to pay me back for taking my land. Today Lord, I choose to release the debt owed to me by white people, Shonas, Ndebeles Coloureds and I no longer expect them to pay me back. I thank you that as I release the debt owed to me by these people that you wash me and cleanse me from this debt and from the unforgiveness I have held. From today I look to you only to restore what has been lost. In Jesus name.”

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