

Faith



Faith That Causes Forgiveness



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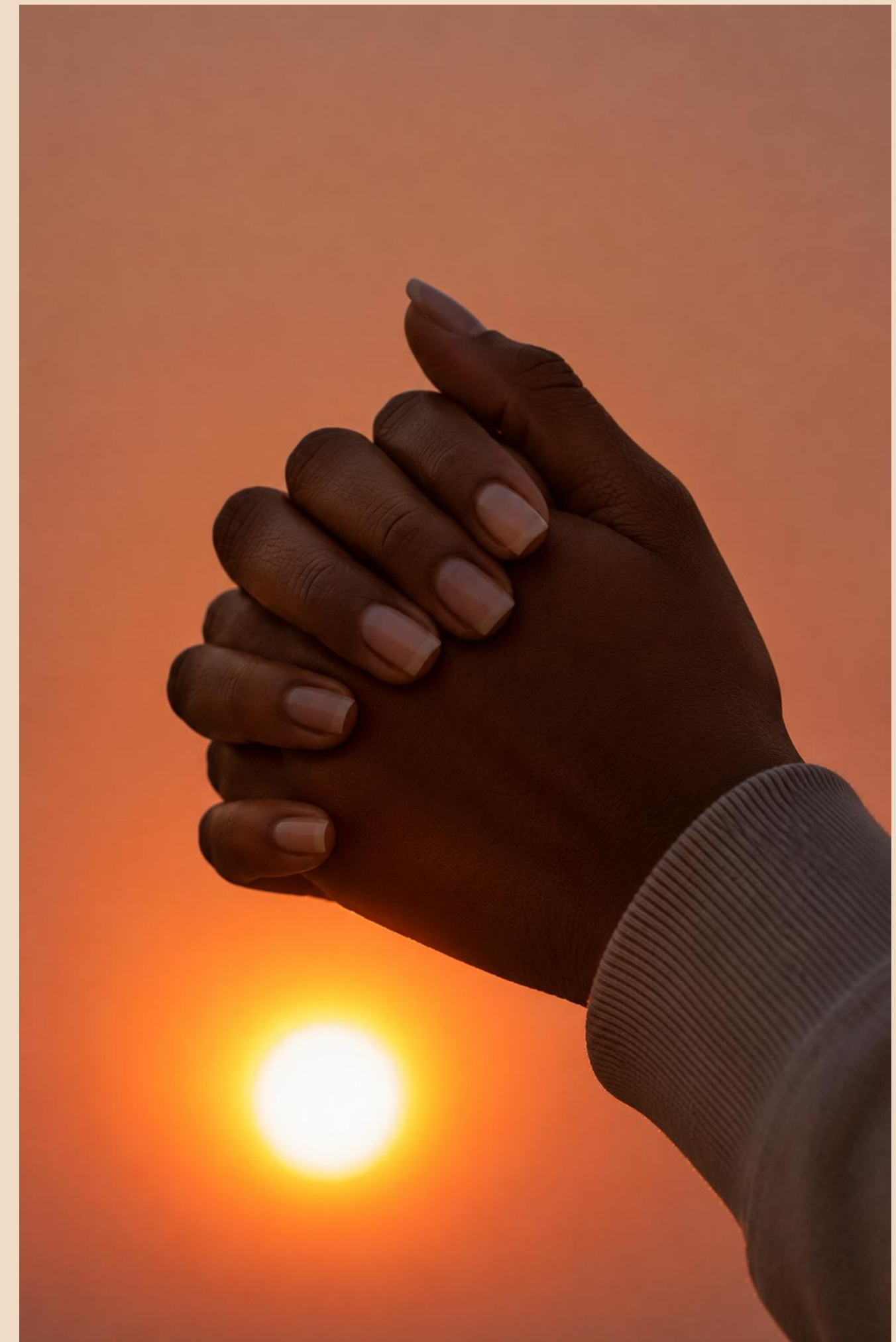
I am a daughter of the King.

God sees me!

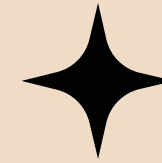
He has great plans for me!

I will strive to live as a Christian
should.

I will inspire and encourage my
sisters to do the same.



Introduction - Question



Do you think forgiveness is difficult?

Why do we find forgiveness so difficult?



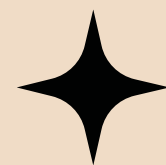
Definition of Forgiveness

Forgiveness is the conscious, deliberate decision to release feelings of resentment, anger, or the desire for vengeance toward someone who has wronged you.

It is prioritizing your own peace of mind over holding onto a painful past.



In the Bible, forgiveness is the intentional, grace-filled release of an offender from the penalty and power of their wrongdoing.





Introduction of Forgive and Forget

Can you forgive and forget?

Once you have forgiven a person, can you forget?

What does forget mean?

Does it mean to continue to treat the person the same way you did before the offense, or does it mean to treat the person differently as to not be hurt again?



Background and Summary

- ❖ Jesus was invited to dinner at the home of a Pharisee named Simon.
- ❖ During the meal, a woman with a bad reputation entered the house and approached Jesus..
- ❖ The sinful woman washed Jesus' feet with her tears and wiped His feet with her hair and kissed His feet.
- ❖ The Pharisee judged her in his heart, but Jesus responded with compassion and truth.
- ❖ Jesus told a parable to teach the Pharisees about faith and forgiveness.





Luke 7:36-50 - Jesus Anointed by a Sinful Woman

³⁶ When one of the Pharisees invited Jesus to have dinner with him, he went to the Pharisee's house and reclined at the table. ³⁷ A woman in that town who lived a sinful life learned that Jesus was eating at the Pharisee's house, so she came there with an alabaster jar of perfume. ³⁸ As she stood behind him at his feet weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them and poured perfume on them.



³⁹ When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would know who is touching him and what kind of woman she is—that she is a sinner."

⁴⁰ Jesus answered him, "Simon, I have something to tell you."

"Tell me, teacher," he said.

⁴¹ "Two people owed money to a certain moneylender. One owed him five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. ⁴² Neither of them had the money to pay him back, so he forgave the debts of both. Now which of them will love him more?"

⁴³ Simon replied, "I suppose the one who had the bigger debt forgiven."

"You have judged correctly," Jesus said.



✦ Luke 7:36-50 - Jesus Anointed by a Sinful Woman

⁴⁴ Then he turned toward the woman and said to Simon, “Do you see this woman? I came into your house. You did not give me any water for my feet, but she wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. ⁴⁵ You did not give me a kiss, but this woman, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing my feet. ⁴⁶ You did not put oil on my head, but she has poured perfume on my feet. ⁴⁷ Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven—as her great love has shown. But whoever has been forgiven little loves little.”

⁴⁸ Then Jesus said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.”

⁴⁹ The other guests began to say among themselves, “Who is this who even forgives sins?”

⁵⁰ Jesus said to the woman, “Your faith has saved you; go in peace.”





Lesson from the “Forgiven” Woman



1. She was courageous! She let her faith and her need for forgiveness override distractions such as shame, regret, past mistakes, etc. that would normally get in the way!
2. Jesus saw her heart, not her past mistakes! God’s grace is greater than any mistake you could have made!
3. Forgiveness will transform your life! Forgiveness produces the greatest results, which are peace and most importantly salvation. Jesus forgave her sins and told her to go in peace because her faith saved her

Have you ever heard the phrase, “throw your sins into the sea of forgetfulness”?

Micah 7:19 - You will again have compassion on us; you will tread our sins underfoot and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea.



Forgive and Forget - Discussion

What does “forget” mean?

It means... refusing to live in the past; refusing to relive the offense repeatedly; and refusing to allow old wounds to dictate your future!

God calls us to forgive, release the offense, and refuse to let past wounds control our present and future.

Forgetting is the difference between remembering a hurt and holding onto a hurt.



Forgive and Forget – Forgiveness Like Jesus

➤ God is all-knowing. He doesn't forget our sins because He loses memory. Instead, He chooses not to hold them against us.

NIV - Psalm 103:12 - *"As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us."*

NKJV - Isaiah 43:25 - *"I, even I, am He who blots out your transgressions for My own sake; And I will not remember your sins"*

For us, forgiveness means choosing not to keep replaying the offense or using it as a weapon.

Reflection Question:

Knowing God has forgiven your sins does that help you extend grace to others that need your forgiveness?



Forgive and Forget – Forgiveness Like Jesus



➤ Forgiveness is a choice! You may still feel hurt, but you must decide to forgive!

Jesus forgave the people that crucified Him while still on the cross!

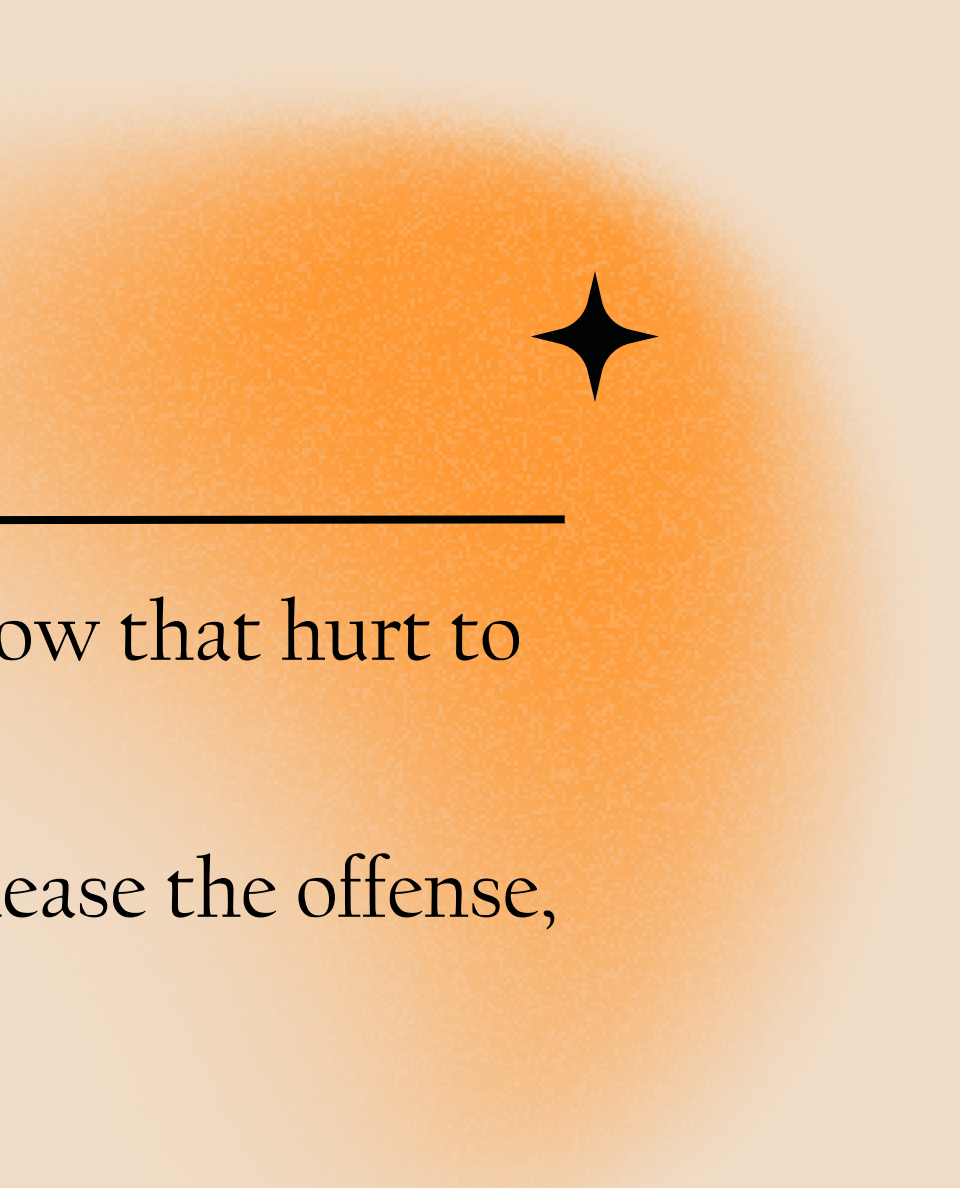
NIV - Matthew 6:14-15 - *¹⁴For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. ¹⁵But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.*

NKJV - Eph. 4:31-32 - *³¹Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. ³²And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.*

NIV - Luke 6:37 - *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.*



Conclusion



Forgiveness is not forgetting that something happened. It is choosing not to allow that hurt to control your heart any longer.

Forgiveness does not change the past, but it changes your future. When you release the offense, God releases peace into your heart.

God freely forgave us.

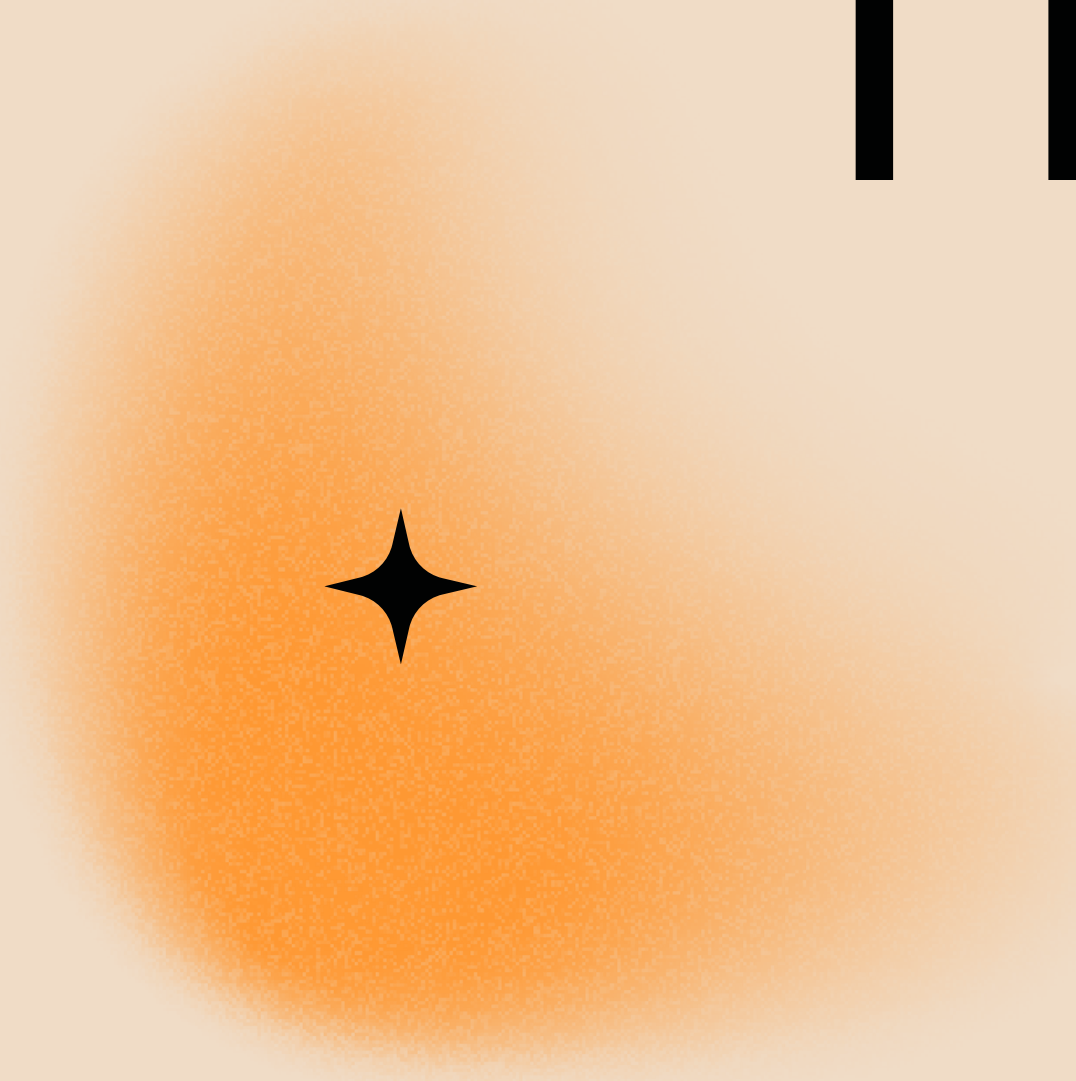
NIV – Romans 5:6-8 - *⁶You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. ⁸But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*



Will We Forgive Like Jesus? KJV Heb 8:12 - For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more.



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“Trusting God” lesson
on 7/26. Thank you!

