

MESSAGE NOTES

SERIES: EASTER IF'S – WEEK 2

MESSAGE: "THE 'IF' OF FORGIVENESS"

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MATT. 6:14-15

"If you forgive those who sin against you, your heavenly Father will forgive you. But if you refuse to forgive others, your Father will not forgive your sins." MATT 6:14-15 NLT

"...and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive every one who is indebted to us; and lead us not into temptation." LUKE 11:4 RSV

"So watch yourselves! If another believer sins, rebuke that person; then if there is repentance, forgive. Even if that person wrongs you seven times a day and each time turns again and asks forgiveness, you must forgive." LUKE 17:3-4 NLT

FORGIVENESS IS NOT

- _____
- _____
- An _____
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- A _____

FORGIVENESS IS

- A _____ to not hold something against another person, despite what has been done to you
 We forgive _____ God forgives
 Our forgiveness of one another is to follow God's _____ of forgiveness
"...and forgive us our sins, as we have forgiven those who sin against us." MATT 6:12
- Not granted because a person _____ to be forgiven
"You must be compassionate, just as your Father is compassionate." LUKE 6:36

- A _____ act of love, mercy, and grace
"Be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you." EPH 4:32
- _____ by God following His example
"Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, (as) the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others." COL 3:13
"When you are praying, first forgive anyone you are holding a grudge against, so that your Father in heaven will forgive your sins, too." MARK 11:25
- The _____ of forgiveness is unconditional
"Dear friends, never take revenge. Leave that to the righteous anger of God. For the Scriptures say, 'I will take revenge; I will pay them back,' says the Lord." ROM 12:19
 The connection between the forgiveness _____ and the forgiveness _____ is unmistakable
- The _____ of forgiveness is conditional
 1. _____ = coming clean
"If we claim we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves and not living in the truth. But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness" 1 JOHN 1:8-9
 2. _____ = turning from sin
"Now repent of your sins and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped away." ACTS 3:19

"Christ's way of unpacking forgiveness is not three easy steps. It is a way of life, following Jesus, learning from Him, being involved in His church, hearing His Word preached. Apart from consistent involvement in these disciplines, you are trying to paddle with a stick. And that just won't work." CHRIS BRAUNS