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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.

Ephesians 4:32

Be kind and compassionate to one another,
forgiving each other, just as in Christ God
forgave you.

Matthew 18:21-22

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?" Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.

Luke 17:4

If your brother sins against you seven times a **day**, and returns to you seven times saying, “I repent,” **forgive** him.

Colossians 3:13

Bear with each other and **forgive** whatever grievances you may have against one another.
Forgive as the Lord **forgave** you.

Forbear

**Forbear
Forgive**

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Two Choices:

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**“Forgiveness is surrendering
my right to hurt you for
hurting me.”**

- Archibald Hart



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Three Words:

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Let it go

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Abused (at 17)

Abused (at 17)
Accused (at 28)

Abused (at 17)
Accused (at 28)
Abandoned (at 29)

Promoted (at 30)

Promoted (at 30)
Provided (at 39)

Promoted (at 30)
Provided (at 39)
Providentially Placed

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Genesis 50:17

"Please **forgive**, I beg you, the transgression of your brothers and their sin, for they did you wrong." And now, please **forgive** the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." And Joseph wept when they spoke to him.

Genesis 50:19b-21

"Don't be afraid. Am I in the place of God? You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives." So then, don't be afraid. I will provide for you and your children." And he reassured them and spoke kindly to them.

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Three Words:

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Romans 4:7-8

"Blessed are they whose transgressions are **forgiven**, whose sins are **covered**. Blessed is the man whose sin the Lord will **never count against him**."

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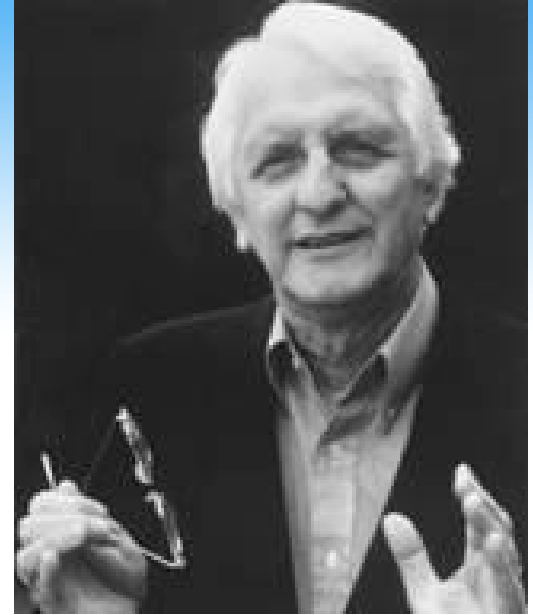
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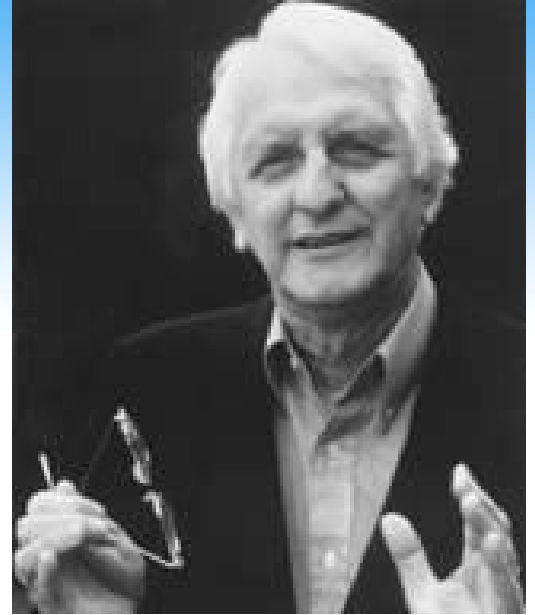
1. You'll be better off

“Vengeance is a passion to get even. It is a hot desire to give back as much pain as someone gave you... The problem with revenge is that it never gets what it wants; it never evens the score. Fairness never comes. The chain reaction set off by every



act of vengeance always takes its unhindered course. It ties both the injured and the injurer to an escalator of pain. Both are stuck on the escalator as long as parity is demanded, and the escalator never stops, never lets anyone off.”

- Lewis Smedes



“Many years ago I was driven to the conclusion that the two major causes of most emotional problems among evangelical Christians are these: the failure to understand, receive, and live in our God’s unconditional grace and



forgiveness; and the failure to give out that unconditional love, forgiveness, and grace to other people.”

- David Seamands



Two Outcomes:

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2. **We'll be better off**

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2. We'll be better off

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It means that I trust in God's justice and I release bitterness and anger and a desire for personal vengeance. It does not mean that I minimize or mitigate or excuse what he has done. It does not mean that I pursue justice on earth any less



zealously. It simply means that *I release* personal vengeance against him, and *I trust* God's justice, whether he chooses to mete that out purely, eternally, or both in heaven and on earth.

- Rachael Denhollander



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Dear God,

I choose as an act of my will, regardless of my feelings, to forgive the person who has wronged me. I release them, and I set myself free to Your healing. With Your help, I will no longer dwell on the situation or continue to talk about it. I thank You for forgiving me as I have forgiven them. I thank You for releasing me.

I ask this in Jesus' name, Amen

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DAVE GUDGEL

LEAD PASTOR

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YOUNG ADULTS PASTOR

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