

Gracious Like God

God desires to have us forgive others as He forgives us. His forgiveness is always about restoring relationships. We must never just 'forgive and forget'.



Good Gracious Homework:

1. What is one lesson you learned?
2. What is one way to change the way you pray?
3. What progress have you made on believing and acting like your lines are drawn in a good place?
4. Relationships will always provide opportunities to study at the school of forgiveness. How can you more faithfully forgive others as God has forgiven you?

Thank you!

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Gracious Living

Accepting God's Grace in all Areas
of Life

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Part 6: Grace Filled Relationships 2

“ Our Father which art in heaven... forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. ”

Matthew 6:9-13

Sadly too many believers think it is Christian to just forgive and forget what someone has done against them. Our relationship with God is stronger because of the process God wants. The same can be true in our relationship with others. The authentic forgiveness process brings change in both the perpetrator and victim of harm. Be gracious in giving and receiving forgiveness.

Grace-Filled Relationships: Part 2

Jesus' Forgiveness Steps (Luke 17:3-5)

1. If a brother trespasses against you,
2. Then rebuke him or her.
3. If he or she repents,
4. Then forgive.

Forgiveness is NOT

Accepting	Forgetting
Excusing	Denying
Condoning	Pardoning

Forgiveness is a Process

1. Uncover
2. Repent
3. Decide to forgive
4. Work on it
5. Deepen



Think About It

Offering time is a great time to assess our relationships with others. We bring offerings to God in part to symbolize our right relationship with Him. God wants us to include being right with our brothers and sisters.

Review

What lesson did you apply from last week?

How did grace change the way you prayed?

What ways have you found to give and receive grace?
What barriers have you experienced?

How do you see grace changing daily family or close friendship living?

Graced Places

Humans have always used pictures to capture meaningful elements of their lives. Pictures can be found on pre historic cave walls, buffalo hides, prison cells, and FaceBook to name a few 'galleries'. With cell phones we take many pictures and then delete the ones we don't want.

Pictures, however, do not show the process of life unless they are in a long series. Forgiveness should be viewed as a long and unfolding movie rather than one moment of confrontation, confessions, and tears. The only way the movie has a good ending is to expect grace all along the way!



Walk into God's Grace!

To be human is to experience pain along the way. Perhaps painful memories invade your thoughts and emotions during this session. Start with practicing forgiveness in current situations before tackling events from long ago.