

# WAGING PEACE

## Giving Forgiveness in Conflict

Matthew 18:21-35  
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### 5. Forgiveness isn't EASY, but COSTLY.

- Forgiveness isn't a FEELING, but an ACT of the WILL.
- Someone has to PAY.
- Forgiveness is choosing to MAKE payments, instead of TAKE payments for a sin committed against you.

### 6. Forgiveness is not EXCUSING a sin, but involves both parties ACKNOWLEDGING the debt of a sin.

- Forgiveness begins with my HEART WORK before God.
- Restoration happens when I GIVE FORGIVENESS and is only possible when the other person REPENTS.
- GIVING FORGIVENESS does not mean there are no consequences for sin, but it does mean that RELATIONAL SEPARATION is not one of those consequences.

What does "giving forgiveness" really look like?

1. "I promise I won't DWELL on this incident."
2. "I promise I won't BRING UP this incident and USE it against you."
3. "I promise I won't TALK to OTHERS about this incident."
4. "I promise I won't allow this incident to STAND BETWEEN us or HINDER our personal relationship."

### 7. Forgiveness is POSSIBLE because God, through the Gospel, has forgiven US.

*We continue our exploration of Biblical principles for "Waging Peace" with the next step and strategy for Waging Peace: Giving Forgiveness. Jesus has much to teach us about the challenge and complexities of forgiveness in Matthew 18:21-35.*

### 1. Forgiveness is NECESSARY because we sin against one another.

### 2. Forgiveness is EXPECTED because God, through the Gospel, has forgiven US.

### 3. Forgiveness has NO LIMITS.

### 4. Forgiveness is RELEASING a SIN and the OFFENDER.

- Forgiveness is not FORGETTING, but choosing not to REMEMBER.