

The Magic of Mercy

Part 5: When I Need to Forgive



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God loves _____

You do not stay angry forever, but delight in showing mercy. (Micah 7:18)

You are a God of forgiveness, always ready to pardon, gracious and merciful, slow to become angry, and full of love and mercy. (Nehemiah 9:17)

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Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. (Matthew 6:12)

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The Forgiveness Quiz (True or False?)

1. A person should not be forgiven until he or she asks for forgiveness.
2. A person should not be forgiven until he or she appropriately apologizes.
3. You haven't truly forgiven until you've forgotten the offense.
4. Forgiveness means minimizing the offense and the pain it caused.
5. Forgiveness includes restoring trust and reuniting the relationship.

Forgiveness Defined

- **Forgiveness is not** _____

Forgive one another as quickly and as thoroughly as God in Christ forgave you. (Ephesians 4:32)

- **Forgiveness is not** _____

Alexander the metal worker did me great harm. The Lord will repay him for what he has done. You, too, should be on your guard against him, because he strongly opposed our message. (2 Timothy 4:14-15)

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