

**iLife Together**  
**The Calling To Forgive Others**  
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God is **RELATIONAL** and he has created people to be relational too.

**Reality Check**

Our relationship with God is directly effected by how we \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ relationships with others.

*So now we can tell who are children of God and who are children of the devil. Anyone who does not live righteously and does not love other believers does not belong to God. 1 John 3:10 NLT*

**Grab This!**

How you treat others is a \_\_\_\_\_ tool that indicates how tight your  
\_\_\_\_\_ with Jesus is.

*So if you are presenting a sacrifice at the altar in the Temple and you suddenly remember that someone has something against you, leave your sacrifice there at the altar. Go and be reconciled to that person. Then come and offer your sacrifice to God. Matthew 5:23-24 NLT*

*So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples. John 13:34-35 NLT*

*"Teacher, which is the most important commandment in the law of Moses?" Jesus replied, "'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. A second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" Matthew 22:36-39 NLT*

**Key Thought of the Series**

To allow the Holy Spirit to \_\_\_\_\_ you to be better in your relationships, so that you can \_\_\_\_\_ in your walk with Jesus.

**Key Verse of the Day**

*Therefore I, a prisoner for serving the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of your calling, for you have been called by God. Be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love. Ephesians 4:1-2*

**Key Thought of the Day**

In my relationships with Christians, God expects me to \_\_\_\_\_ them for offenses done against me, because He has freely forgiven me for my offenses against Him.

*Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others. Colossians 3:13 NLT*

*I... beg you to lead a life worthy of your calling, for you have been called by God. Ephesians 4:1 NLT*

### **Don't Miss This!**

This verse reminds us that we are called out... or invited out... of something here, and that "something" is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the world.

**We are called out of Worldly attitudes into the attitudes of Christ.**

### **Expectations of the Called**

- We are to be \_\_\_\_\_.

*Be humble...*

- We are to be \_\_\_\_\_.

*Be humble and gentle...*

- We are to be \_\_\_\_\_.

*Be patient with each other...*

*Don't you see how wonderfully kind, tolerant, and patient God is with you? Does this mean nothing to you? Can't you see that his kindness is intended to turn you from your sin? Romans 2:4 NLT*

- We are act in \_\_\_\_\_.

*...making allowance for each other's faults because of your love.*

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### **Action Steps For Extending Forgiveness**

1. Be willing to make the \_\_\_\_\_.

*...and you suddenly remember that someone has something against you...*

2. When you wrong someone, seek their forgiveness — \_\_\_\_\_!

*... leave your sacrifice there at the altar. Go and be reconciled to that person...*

3. When someone has wronged you, seek to forgive \_\_\_\_\_.

*Then Peter came to him and asked, "Lord, how often should I forgive someone who sins against me? Seven times?" "No, not seven times," Jesus replied, "but seventy times seven!" Matthew 18:21-22 NLT*

- Identify the person and the issue that has \_\_\_\_\_ you...

- Determine what they \_\_\_\_\_ you because of that wrong...

- Then, \_\_\_\_\_ their debt.

*Matthew 18:23-35 NLT*

### **The Bottom Line**

Christians don't forgive people because they \_\_\_\_\_ it, they forgive people because they have first been \_\_\_\_\_ by Jesus.

### **The Challenge**

Do you need to forgive someone?

Do you need to seek forgiveness from someone?

What are you going to do about it?