



## WHY SHOULD WE FORGIVE?

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ Recommends It

2. The \_\_\_\_\_ Requires It

'And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. - Matt 6:12

“as” = in the \_\_\_\_\_

“For if you forgive others for their transgressions, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. <sup>15</sup> “But if you do not forgive others, then your Father will not forgive your transgressions. - Matthew 6:14–15

## HOW SHOULD WE FORGIVE?

Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you. - Ephesians 4:32

So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience; <sup>13</sup> bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you. - Colossians 3:12–13

**We need to forgive like \_\_\_\_\_ forgives.**

1. **God-like Forgiveness Is Not About \_\_\_\_\_**

But Jesus was saying, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." - Luke 23:34

2. **God-like Forgiveness Is About A \_\_\_\_\_**

"I, even I, am the one who wipes out your transgressions for My own sake, and I will not remember your sins. - Isaiah 43:25

"They will not teach again, each man his neighbor and each man his brother, saying, "Know the LORD,' for they will all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them," declares the LORD, "for I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more." - Jeremiah 31:34

**\*The Promise = I will not \_\_\_\_\_ this against you anymore.  
I will not \_\_\_\_\_ on this anymore.**

### 3. God-like Forgiveness Many Times Is A \_\_\_\_\_

- Choices to make in the process of forgiveness:

- \_\_\_\_\_ for them

“But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you” - Matthew 5:44

- \_\_\_\_\_ them

“bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.” - Luke 6:28

### WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF FORGIVING?

#### 1. It Frees Us From \_\_\_\_\_ God

Never take your own revenge, beloved, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, “VENGEANCE IS MINE, I WILL REPAY,” says the Lord. - Rom 12:19

#### 2. It Frees Us To \_\_\_\_\_ God

“Therefore if you are presenting your offering at the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, <sup>24</sup> leave your offering there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and present your offering”. - Matthew 5:23-24

#### 3. It Frees Us To \_\_\_\_\_ God

In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace which He lavished on us. - Ephesians 1:7-8