



Prayer Focus
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Walking out forgiveness, choosing joy

This week has been challenging for many with it being a holiday season. Lots of excitement and joy for some and lots of pain for others.

Today when I was praying - I hurt for many and for some of my family members. The holidays can be reminders of broken relationships with family and can also be a reminder of unforgiveness in our hearts. This scripture can be hard to swallow when a holiday comes around;

“How can this be so hard?” we ask - God is always going to forgive us, but the reality is, if we are in Christ Jesus then we must do as He did and He forgave His worst oppressors. He forgave everyone because His focus was not what man did to him but that He was pleasing to His heavenly Father even in the face of severe adversity with men.

One thing I have recognized over the years while simply living and in ministry is this - We, as humans, don't have time, nor do we sometimes take the time to process what we have experienced, good or bad. We have to take the time. The Lord requires us to keep accounts short and cleaned up but not in a mode of performing a religious act to please man but so we remain a conduit to receive His love so that we can love. or we cannot forgive at all, forgiveness would not be possible without Him being allowed to love us so we can heal to forgive.

Prayer Points-

- Pray for anyone struggling to forgive even if it's you. Choose joy!
- Pray for the one that needs to be forgiven, release them to the Lord, Pray a blessing over them.
- Pray for restoration if that is possible for your friends and family, yourself.
- Pray for peace and comfort and healing for those and yourself if you are involved.

Scriptures:

Matthew 5:23-24

"So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift."

Matthew 6:14-16"For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins."

Matthew 11:28

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

Mark 11:25 And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.

Ephesians 4:32 - And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

Song

[Sidewalk Prophets - Where Forgiveness Is \(Official Lyric Video\)](#)