GOING DEEPER

FORGIVENESS

Recognize You are a Sinner

Surely there is not a righteous man on earth who does good and never sins." – Ecclesiastes 7:20

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Confess Your Sins/Don't Conceal Them

And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

- Hebrews 4:13

For God will bring every deed into judgment, with every secret thing, whether good or evil.

– Ecclesiastes 12:14

For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. 4 For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. 5 I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

- Psalm 32:3-5

Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.

- Proverbs 28:13

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. - 1 John 1:9

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Repent of Your Sin

SEEKING FORGIVENESS

So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, 24 leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.

- Matthew 5:23-24

SEEKING FORGIVENESS

Forgiveness is... A Priority Essential Precious Costly

and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

- Matthew 6:12

For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, 15 but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

- Matthew 6:14-15

We must base our relationships with others on the same standard on which God bases His relationship with us: love, acceptance, and forgiveness.

- Neil Anderson & Dave Park

People who try to forgive by forgetting hurts they have suffered, usually fail to do both.

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When we forgive, we throw off the chains of bitterness and start the process of healing those damaged emotions. We are no longer bound by our past. By forgiving and setting the other person free, we find that we have really set ourselves free.

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CHALLENGE

Receiving Forgiveness:

- Recognize your sin: Ask God to help you see the sin in your life.
- Confess your sin: Tell God about the sin you see in your life.
- Repent from your sin: Pick one of those sins to actively remove from your life and fill that void with a godly practice.

CHALLENGE

Seeking Forgiveness:

• Make a list of people you have hurt. Choose one of those people to seek their forgiveness this week.

Offering Forgiveness:

• Take some time to work through the "Twelve Steps of Forgiveness" for at least one person that you need to forgive.