

B. \_\_\_\_\_ promise

PSALM 103:12

*<sup>12</sup> As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.*

C. \_\_\_\_\_ promise

ISAIAH 1:18

*<sup>18</sup> Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.*

D. \_\_\_\_\_ promise

JEREMIAH 31:34

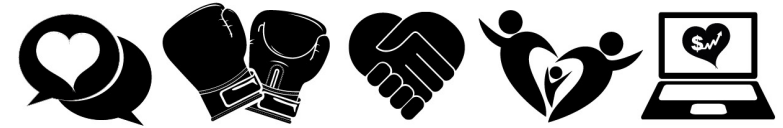
*<sup>34</sup> And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the Lord: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.*

**Conclusion:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Reflection Questions:**

1. In what specific areas of marriage do you have the most trouble obeying Jesus' command to forgive "seventy times seven" times?
2. List some of the little foxes that you need to forgive.
3. What usually blocks your willingness to forgive?
4. Why would God, who is perfect in holiness, allow you into His heaven, even though you have wronged Him with your sin?



## Forgiveness

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**Introduction:** \_\_\_\_\_

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MATTHEW 18:21-22

*<sup>21</sup> Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times? <sup>22</sup> Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven.*

**Question:** How could it possibly "make sense" to keep forgiving indefinitely, even for the same offense?

SONG OF SOLOMON 2:15

*<sup>15</sup> Take us the foxes, the little foxes, that spoil the vines: for our vines have tender grapes.*

**Quote:** "A great marriage is not so much the union of two great lovers as it is of two great forgivers."

**1. The \_\_\_\_\_ Encouragement for Forgiveness**

A. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Hosea's story

B. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus' story

MATTHEW 18:35

<sup>35</sup> So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses.

## 2. The \_\_\_\_\_ Necessary for Forgiveness

A. Our \_\_\_\_\_ must choose to forgive

EPHESIANS 4:31-32

<sup>31</sup> Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: <sup>32</sup> and be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

B. Our \_\_\_\_\_ must choose to forgive

2 CORINTHIANS 10:5

<sup>5</sup> Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

C. Our \_\_\_\_\_ must choose to forgive

ROMANS 12:19

<sup>19</sup> Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.

## 3. The \_\_\_\_\_ Benefits of Forgiveness

A. God \_\_\_\_\_ us to forgive

EPHESIANS 4:32

<sup>32</sup> And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

B. Forgiveness is a part of God's \_\_\_\_\_

COLOSSIANS 3:13

<sup>13</sup> Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye.

C. Forgiveness is \_\_\_\_\_ for us

HEBREWS 12:15

<sup>15</sup> Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled;

1 CORINTHIANS 13:4-7

<sup>4</sup> Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, <sup>5</sup> doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; <sup>6</sup> rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; <sup>7</sup> beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.

D. We \_\_\_\_\_ so that we, too, will be forgiven

MATTHEW 6:12

<sup>12</sup> And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

## 4. The \_\_\_\_\_ Example of Forgiveness

2 CORINTHIANS 5:21

<sup>21</sup> For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

A. \_\_\_\_\_ promise

MICAH 7:19

<sup>19</sup> He will turn again, he will have compassion upon us; he will subdue our iniquities; and thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea.