

Daily Devotion For February 21, 2021

"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 6:14-15

Have you ever been hurt by another person? If so, we need to realize that forgiveness is a two-way street. You can't expect others to forgive you if you are unwilling to forgive them.

The bible teaches us that we reap what you sow. When we are not forgiving of others, we're setting ourselves up to not be forgiven ourselves.

Many myths get in the way of our readiness to forgive. Here are three of the biggest misconceptions about forgiveness.

1. Forgiveness is NOT minimizing the seriousness of the offense. Forgiveness doesn't mean the wrong against you doesn't hurt.
2. Forgiveness is NOT instant restoration of trust. Trust must be rebuilt over a period of time. If people hurt you the Bible says you're obligated to forgive them, but you are not obligated to instantly trust them.
3. Forgiveness is NOT resuming the relationship without any changes. Forgiveness is not the same as a reunion of a relationship. Forgiveness is what you do if you're offended. If the relationship is going to be restored, the offender must rebuild trust over a period of time.

Thought For Today: Jesus taught us in the Lord's Prayer that we are forgiven as we forgive. Is there anyone that you need to forgive?

Today's Prayer Focus: Pray that the Lord would teach us and help us to forgive those who have hurt and offended us. Pray this week's prayer fuel. Deo Volente.