

RIGHT...FROM THE BEGINNING

Joseph – The Power of Forgiveness

Genesis 45-50 & Various Scriptures

Pastor Mel Svendsen
November 17, 2013

Bottom Line:

Forgiveness is an essential component for the true follower of Christ as we reflect the amazing forgiveness that God has offered to us!

Forgiveness comes as I...

1. **Refocus on God's greater _____ and plan.**
Genesis 45:4-5; 50:19-20

Forgiveness:

_____ with compassion and love towards another person who has wronged you because of the love, mercy and compassion that you have received from God.

- A. Forgiveness is _____ for the believer.
- B. Forgiveness is required regardless of "their" _____.
- C. Forgiveness involves relational _____.

Forgiveness comes as I...

2. **Remind myself of how _____ I am to those who wronged me.** *Genesis 45:4; Romans 2:1*

Forgiveness comes as I...

3. **Realize how**

_____ **unforgiveness is.**
Matthew 18:32-33

- A. Destroys your relationship with _____.
- B. Destroys your relationship with the _____.
- C. Destroys your relationship with those _____ you.
- D. Destroys _____.

Forgiveness comes as I...

4. **Resolve to take steps _____ to align myself with God's will.**

Now what?

1. Cultivate a heart of _____ for the forgiveness you have received from God.
2. Humbly acknowledge your own _____.
3. Ask God for the strength to not only forgive those who wrong you, but to act in love towards them.
4. Pray for the _____ to move through a healing process that can demonstrate the power of forgiveness.

