

“How To Defuse A Bomb, Biblical Conflict Resolution”
“Step Four- Reconciliation
“Forgiveness”

PERSONAL APPLICATION

Review the main lesson outline briefly

1. Discuss a current situation in your life where you are struggling with forgiveness. What can you do to overcome this?
2. Share some examples of when you have forgiven someone and how it affected you. How were you affected before you forgave them?

PRIVATE MEDITATION

Read the Scripture and identify 1 thought to take with you for that day
Write down your daily thought under each day

Monday – Matthew 5:21-26

Thought:

Tuesday – Matthew 18:21-35

Thought:

Wednesday – Colossians 3:12-14; Ephesians 4:32

Thought:

Thursday – 1 Peter 3:8-12

Thought:

Friday – Romans 12:9-10, 14-21

Thought:

Saturday– Hebrews 12:14-15

Sunday– Step Four – Reconciliation to Others
“Overcoming Unforgiveness”

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Colossians 3:12-14

I. What is Biblical Forgiveness? Col. 3:12-14

A. It is the result of a God-like heart – 3:12

B. It is to act like Christ – 3:13

1. “Bear” = to hold up or back (Greek) be patient
2. “Forgive” = “charizomai” from Grace (charis).

To show someone favor, be kind, to give a thing willingly.

3. “Grievance” – find fault or blame
4. Like we have been forgiven

C. Some definitions

1. “It is an act of the will that is a decision not to think or talk about what someone has done.” (Ken Sande, “Peace Making for Families”)

2. “The act of setting someone free from an obligation to you that is a result of a wrong done against you.” (Charles Stanley, “The Gift of Forgiveness”)

D. The parts of forgiveness

1. Injury
2. Debt form the injury
3. Cancellation of the debt

E. The 4 promises of forgiveness (Ken Sande, “Peace Making for Families”)

1. I will not think about the wrong.
2. I will not bring it up again or use it against you.
3. I will not talk to others about it.
4. I will not allow it to stand between us or hinder our relationship.

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II. What Forgiveness is not...

1. Not a feeling, it is a choice
2. It is not forgetting, it is a process
3. It is not excusing what has been done
4. It is not peace at any cost. We do not give in to wrong to have peace.

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