

THE DIMENSIONS OF FORGIVENESS

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The Power and Complexity of Forgiveness, pt. 1

“Do not judge others, and God will not judge you; do not condemn others, and God will not condemn you; forgive others, and God will forgive you. Give to others, and God will give to you. Indeed, you will receive a full measure, a generous helping, poured into your hands—all that you can hold. The measure you use for others is the one that God will use for you.” **Luke 6:37-38** GNB

“And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors... 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 6:12, 14-15**

“Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed is the one whose sin the LORD does not count against them...” **Psalms 32:1-2**

BIG IDEA: Explore what Forgiveness is from the Scriptures—and get some vision for how it impacts us and our world.

OLD TESTAMENT

- **forgive.** v. removing an offense (Ps. 25:11)
- **forgiveness.** n. removing an offense. (Dan. 9:9; Ps. 130:4)
- **reckon, count.** v. keeping score/record—then, not. (Ps. 32:1-2)
- **remember.** v. No longer calling it to mind. (Ezek. 33:16)
- **lift up/off.** v. to take them upward and off. (Is. 53:12)
- **cover, atone.** v. removing from view by placing something in between it. (Lev. 4:20; 16:34)

- **cure, heal.** v. restores health, recover. (Ps. 41:4)
- **wipe/wash—off/out.** v. cleaning, wiping, blotting to remove impurity. (Is. 43:25)
- **pass over/thru/by/on.** v. move from one side to another. (2 Sam. 12:13)
- **be cleansed, pure.** v. freed from impurity, erase (Ps. 51:2)
- **have mercy, pity, compassion.** v. moved to show care or pity for another. (Micah 7:19)

NEW TESTAMENT

- **leave, give leave, forgive.** v. not taking a wrong into account. Release from consequences. (Mt. 6:12; 1 Jn. 1:9)
- **release, forgiveness.** n. have debt/obligation removed. (Col. 1:14)
- **compassion, give, forgive.** v. giving charitably, often with no reciprocation in view. (Eph. 4:32)
- **release, give leave, forgive.** v. to let go, not hold onto a wrong. Pardon. (Lk. 6:37)
- **reckon, consider, impute.** v. Not keeping record of or remembering it. (2 Cor. 5:19)
- **atone, propitiate, expiate.** v. removing of an offense by covering it. (Heb 2:17)
- **take up/away.** v. moving from one location to another. (Jn. 1:29; 1 Jn. 3:5)

3 WAYS TO RESPOND:

1. _____ in Forgiveness.
2. _____ Forgiveness.
3. _____ to Forgiveness.