

YOU DON'T HAVE TO FORGIVE ***THEM!***

Matthew 6:9-11

Did He Say That? Week 1

*"This, then, is how you should pray: 'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, <sup>10</sup> your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. <sup>11</sup>Give us today our daily bread.'"* Matthew 6:9-11 NIV

*"And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors."*  
Matthew 6:12 NIV

*"For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. <sup>15</sup>But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins."* Matthew 6:14-15 NIV

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Our RELATIONSHIP with our SIBLINGS under God truly MATTERS to God.

*"Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, <sup>24</sup>leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift."* Matthew 5:23-24 NIV

Unforgiveness leads to a PRISON of OFFENSE.

Forgiveness is the KEY that sets you FREE from the PRISON.

*"You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.'<sup>44</sup> But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you..."* Matthew 5:43-44 NIV

Your PRAYER for those who HURT you may or may not CHANGE others, but it always CHANGES you.

*Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.* Colossians 3:13 NIV

“In the shadow of my hurt, forgiveness feels like a decision to reward my enemy. But in the shadow of the cross, forgiveness is merely a gift from one undeserving soul to another.”

“Holding a grudge doesn’t make you strong. It makes you bitter. Forgiving doesn’t make you weak. It sets you free.”

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As I have been FORGIVEN, with God’s help I choose to FORGIVE.

### **Deeper Thoughts & Life Application**

- What grudges are you having difficulty letting go?
- How do you forgive something that seems unforgivable?