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"Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus."

PHILIPPIANS 3:13-14

"So many people are prisoners to two or three experiences in their past. A tiny seed of bitterness turns into a forest of unforgiveness. And what so many people fail to realize is that their unforgiveness doesn't hurt the person who hurt them; it simply compounds the pain in their own hearts. We think our unforgiveness will somehow cage the person who hurts us, but it only cages us."

MARK BATTERSON

2 RESULTS of UNFORGIVENESS



BITTERNESS

"See to it that no one falls short of the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many."



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"Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you."



"An unforgiving Christian is a contradiction of terms!"

JOHN MACARTHUR

CANCELING a DEBT

CANCELING a <u>DEBT</u> RELEASING <u>RESENTMENT</u>

"You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives."



CANCELING a DEBT RELEASING RESENTMENT SEEKING RECONCILIATION

"Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift.

Settle matters quickly with your adversary who is taking you to court.

Do it while you are still together on the way, or your adversary may hand you over to the judge, and the judge may hand you over to the officer, and you may be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will not get out until you have paid the last penny."

MATTHEW 5:23-26

"Forgiveness paves the way for reconciliation, but the two are not the same. Forgiveness is radical surgery; reconciliation is the healing after the operation. Forgiveness is canceling the debt; reconciliation puts debt-free lives back together. Forgiveness is a decision to release; reconciliation is the effort to rejoin.

Our attitude toward reconciliation may reveal the sincerity of our forgiveness. If we say an absolute no to the possibility of resuming the relationship, we may be harboring resentment that the Holy Spirit wants to purge. When we forgive another person, we are entrusting that relationship to God. We must also be willing to consider His plans for the future of that relationship. There are situations in which forgiveness will be naturally followed by steady progress toward reconciliation. In other relationships, we can truly forgive, and yet for some reason reconciliation will be impossible or unlikely."

FORGIVE AND LOVE AGAIN

CANCELING a DEBT RELEASING RESENTMENT SEEKING RECONCILIATION REMEMBERING TO FORGET "...as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us."



FORGIVENESS...you will <u>NEVER</u> forgive <u>ANYONE</u> more than God has forgiven <u>YOU</u>!



"Don't forgive, and your anger will become your burden. Don't forgive, and bit by bit all the joy will be choked out of you. Don't forgive, and you will be unable to trust anybody, ever again. Don't forgive, and the bitterness will crowd the compassion out of your heart slowly, utterly, forever. Don't forgive, and that little grudge you nurse will grow larger and stronger.

Although you may think you can hide it from everyone you know, in time it will become a monster of hostility, and one day, it will kill you. All that will be left of what was once a person is bitterness and hate. And that bitterness will spread."

JOHN ORTBERG