

March 14 / Sunday

Who would pray for forgiveness when others are unforgivable?

Read [Acts 7:54-60](#)



15 / Mon – Why did he do that? | Read [Luke 23:33-34](#)

Imagine you are the parent of a middle school son who was punched by a bully and loses sight in one of his eyes, permanently. You can't seem to forgive but your son has. Why? He discovered this boy had been so abused at home that he reacted out of his own pain. Your son asks you to forgive too because "the boy did not truly understand what he was doing at the time." Have you ever done something you regretted because you didn't know all the facts? Could this be why Jesus asked His Father to forgive those who were crucifying him?

16 / Tue – It happens | Read [Acts 7:54-60](#)

It is one thing to be crucified by sinners but Stephen was murdered by the religious leaders as he proclaimed Jesus to be the Messiah. They were enraged because this truth did not align with their expectations and they took action against him for this 'blasphemy.' Have there been times when someone misunderstood your motives and became angry, lashing out at you? Can you ask God to forgive them because they didn't really understand what they were doing?

17 / Wed – What's your poison? | Read [Matthew 18:23-35](#) / [Mark 11:25](#)

Forgiveness was a theme in many of Jesus' teachings and parables. Most people realize they need to be forgiven at times but many do not understand the absolute necessity of forgiving others. It's been said that *not* forgiving someone is like drinking a glass of poison and expecting *them* to die. Why do you think God expects His people to forgive? What are the consequences of not doing so? What are some of the benefits from practicing forgiveness?

18 / Thu – Who's trespassing where? | Read [Matthew 6:12, 14-15 \(King James Version\)](#)

In the most famous prayer in the Bible, Jesus gave this thought-provoking request. You may have prayed this version that uses the word *trespass* instead of *debts* or *sins*. What is the definition of the word *trespass*? What could it mean in this prayer? Have you ever trespassed in ways or places God never intended you to go? You needed forgiveness and what was His response? Think of ways others have *trespassed* in your life. Will you pray for God to forgive them too?

19 / Fri – Really?! | Read [Matthew 18:21-22](#) / [Colossians 3:13](#)

Peter asked a question many people wonder about. How many times do you forgive a person? As you read Jesus' response, do you think he meant this literally? How many times have you forgiven the same person for doing or saying hurtful things? Were you ever tempted to give up? Does it help to remember how many times God has forgiven you for a repeated offense?

20 / Sat – It's up to you | Read [Matthew 5:43-48](#)

What if someone never asks for your forgiveness? It is important to understand that when you do forgive, it is a choice you make, not dependent on what the other person does or does not do. It's obeying what God has said, even if it may be the exact opposite of what you are feeling. Forgiving and praying for those who have done unforgivable things changes you and it can change them too. Are you willing to make this difficult but freeing choice?