

**Why church? To make Disciples.**

**The Power of Forgiveness**



# **10 markers of a disciple of Jesus:**

**1. Forgive all offenses.**



*Hebrews 12:14-15 (NASB)*

*14 Pursue peace with all men, and the sanctification without which no one will see the Lord.*

*15 See to it that no one comes short of the grace of God; that no root of bitterness springing up causes trouble, and by it many be defiled.*



1. Offenses is a part of life. There will be offenses.
2. When people harm us, God will give you His grace to forgive.
3. We can either accept or reject His grace to forgive



# PRAYER

...Come into my heart Lord Jesus and heal the wounds that Grant inflicted upon me.



*Hebrews 12:14 (NASB)*

*<sup>14</sup> Pursue peace with all men, and the sanctification without which no one will see the Lord.*



*Matthew 6:14-15 (NASB)*

*<sup>14</sup> "For if you forgive others for their transgressions, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. <sup>15</sup> "But if you do not forgive others, then your Father will not forgive your transgressions.*



*Matthew 5:8 (NKJV) “Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God.”*



Forgiveness is a matter of trusting God.

a. with the person

b. with the outcome



1. Forgiveness is a matter of trusting God.

a. with the offender

*Romans 12:19 (NKJV)*

*<sup>19</sup> Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord.*



1. Forgiveness is a matter of trusting God.
  - b. with the outcome of the offense - crime.

*<sup>28</sup> And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.*



2. Forgiveness must be administered whether you understand the why(?) or not.



3. Forgiveness is a choice and is not dependent upon your feelings.



Forgiveness for a person and trusting them are two separate things entirely.



Forgiveness is not releasing them from punishment from criminal law.



*Matthew 5:43-48 (NKJV)*

*43 "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.'*

*44 But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you,*



*45 that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.*



*<sup>20</sup> Therefore "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; If he is thirsty, give him a drink; For in so doing you will heap coals of fire on his head."*

*<sup>21</sup> Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.*

*Romans 12:20 (NKJV)*







