



Barriers to Faith – Part IV

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- **Forgiveness – Is forgiveness a conscious choice or an emotional state?**

Colossians 3:13 (New International Version)

13 Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

- **How do we forgive when we don't feel like it? How do we translate the decision to forgive into a change of heart?**

Philippians 1:6 (New Living Translation)

6 And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.

- **How will we know if we have truly forgiven?**

Matthew 18:21-22 (New King James Version)

21 Then Peter came to Him and said, "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Up to seven times?" 22 Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven.

- **What if the person we need to forgive is not a believer?**

Matthew 5:44 (New International Version)

44 But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,

Romans 12:14 (Amplified Bible)

14 Bless those who persecute you [who are cruel in their attitude toward you]; bless and do not curse them.

- **Is it okay to feel anger and want justice for the person we need to forgive?**

Luke 6:37 (New Living Translation)

37 "Do not judge others, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn others, or it will all come back against you. Forgive others, and you will be forgiven.



- **Why must we forgive?**

Hebrews 6:14-15 (New International Version)

14saying, "I will surely bless you and give you many descendants." 15And so after waiting patiently, Abraham received what was promised.

- **Forgiveness must become your seed before you reap it as a harvest.**

Matthew 6:15 (The Message)

14-15" In prayer there is a connection between what God does and what you do. You can't get forgiveness from God, for instance, without also forgiving others. If you refuse to do your part, you cut yourself off from God's part.

- **We also forgive so that our prayers will not be hindered.**

Mark 11:25 (Amplified Bible)

25And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him and let it drop (leave it, let it go), in order that your Father Who is in heaven may also forgive you your [own] failings and shortcomings and let them drop.

Psalms 86:5 (New Living Translation)

5 O Lord, you are so good, so ready to forgive, so full of unfailing love for all who ask for your help.