

Sermon Notes

The Power of Forgiveness

Scripture- Matthew 5:23-24 (NLT), ²³ "So if you are presenting a sacrifice at the altar in the Temple and you suddenly remember that someone has something against you, ²⁴ leave your sacrifice there at the altar. Go and be reconciled to that person. Then come and offer your sacrifice to God."

Food for thought: Christians are the most **forgiven** people in the world. Therefore, we should be the most **forgiving** people in the world.

What Forgiveness Is Not

1. Forgiveness is not a _____.
2. Forgiveness is not _____.
 - Isaiah 43:25, "25 I, even I, am he that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins."
3. Forgiveness is not _____.

The Four Promises of Forgiveness

1. "I promise I won't _____ on this incident." Philippians 4:8 (NLT), ⁸ "And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise."
 - Joshua 1:8, "8 This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success."
2. "I promise I won't _____ up this incident and _____ it against you." Isaiah 43:25 (NLT), ²⁵ "I—yes, I alone—will blot out your sins for my own sake and will never think of them again."
3. "I promise I won't _____ to others about this incident." Leviticus 19:16 "Do not go about spreading slander among your people. "Do not do anything that endangers your neighbour's life. I am the Lord."
4. "I promise I won't allow this incident to stand between us or _____ our personal relationship." Romans 5:8-10 (NLT), ⁸ "But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners. ⁹ And since we have been made right in God's sight by the blood of Christ, he will certainly save us from God's condemnation. ¹⁰ For since our friendship with God was restored by the death of his Son while we were still his enemies, we will certainly be saved through the life of his Son."

