



MAIN SCRIPTURES

- Luke 17:1-4; 1 Cor. 13:5
- Mat. 5:23-24; 2 Cor. 5:20-21

SURRENDER MY FEELINGS

- Surrender Offenses
- Practice Forgiveness

FOUNDATIONAL SCRIPTURES:

“Beloved, now we are children of God. **It is not yet revealed what we will be; but we know that when He is revealed, we will be like Him**, for we will see Him just as He is.” 1 John 3:2 WEBUS

“Then He said to the disciples, **“It is impossible that no offenses should come**, but woe to him through whom they do come! ...Take heed to yourselves. **If your brother sins against you, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him. And if he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times in a day returns to you, saying, ‘I repent,’ you shall forgive him.**”” Luke 17:1, 3-4 NKJV

“**[Love]** does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it **keeps no record of wrongs.**” 1 Cor. 13:5 NIV

“If therefore you are offering your gift at the altar, and there remember that **your brother has anything against you**, leave your gift there before the altar, and **go your way. First be reconciled to your brother**, and then come and offer your gift.” Matthew 5:23-24
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“We are therefore **ambassadors on behalf of Christ**, as though God were entreating by us: **we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled** to God. For him who knew no sin he made to be sin on our behalf, so **that in him we might become the righteousness of God.**” 2 Corinthians 5:20-21 WEBUS

INTRODUCTION:

Cease resistance; abandon control of your life entirely, and come into complete submission to God. That’s what it means to surrender. When Y’shua returns, some of you will be like Him. And for that transformation to occur, it requires that you surrender feeling offended and practice forgiveness.

Pray this without ceasing: “Yahweh, I know I will inevitably be harmed in life—many times. I and someone I love will be sinned against, but I know I must not let revenge, animosity, or frustration to fester in my heart. That would be like cancer to my bones. I will allow You, O God, to be the arbiter of equity over every relationship and in every situation. Today, I release others and myself from the bondage of holding a record of wrongs. I maintain no ill will towards anyone for sinning against, or for harming, me or someone I care about. I forgive others, myself, and any offense I’m holding against You, O God! I know this is the secret to experiencing the

fullness of Your forgiveness in my life—and what it means to be reconciled to you and to become a reconciler for others.”

Whoever won't surrender their offenses and practice forgiveness, simply won't become like Him.

SURRENDER THAT I DESERVE TO FEEL THIS WAY!

1. Surrender My Feelings

A. Surrender Offenses

(1) **Introduction:** Offenses will come!

(a) **Surrender Offenses:**

1. You will inevitably be harmed in life—many times.
2. You and someone you love will be sinned against.
3. You must not let revenge, animosity, or frustration to fester in your heart.
4. That would be like cancer to your bones.
5. Allow God to be the arbiter of equity over every relationship and in every situation.

(b) It is impossible that no offenses should come...

1. “Then He said to the disciples, **“It is impossible that no offenses should come, but woe to him through whom they do come!** It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were

thrown into the sea, **than that he should offend** one of these little ones.”” Luke 17:1-2 NKJV

- a) You will inevitably be harmed by others...
 - 1) There are two sides to every offense—and you are only (and always) responsible for your side.
 - 2) “**A brother offended** is more difficult than a fortified city. Disputes are like the bars of a fortress.” Proverbs 18:19 WEBUS
- b) Opportunities to be offended will be abundant, and God will examine how you react on each occasion.
 - 1) As a child of God, you are to be gracious and kind to others, regardless of how they treat you.
 - 2) “*The discretion of a man makes him slow to anger. **It is his glory to overlook an offense.***” Proverbs 19:11 WEBUS
- c) Conversely, you must NOT be the offender...
 - 1) ...neither as the aggressor or in retaliation.
 - 2) “**He who covers an offense promotes love; but he who repeats a matter separates best friends.**” Proverbs 17:9 WEBUS

(2) You and someone you love will be sinned against.

- (a) Does to forgive (overlook or cover) mean to ignore?

1. **“If your brother sins against you, go, show him his fault** between you and him alone. **If he listens to you, you have gained back your brother.”** Matthew 18:15 WEBUS

a) In fact, to ignore an offense is a bad idea.

1) To pretend something did not happen does not make it go away.

2) Dealing with an offense in a healthy fashion means you make your brother aware of what they have done; this gives them an instant opportunity to reconcile with you.

3) If you embrace the habit of ignoring your feelings, it will oftentimes result in your display of passive-aggressive behavior.

4) That is never healthy and inevitably complicates relationships; whereas direct communication restores a relationship damaged by an offense.

(b) It's not a matter of if an offense comes, but when! *“It is impossible that no offenses should come.”* However...

1. **“Take heed to yourselves. If your brother sins against you, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him. And if he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven**

times in a day returns to you, saying, **'I repent,' you shall forgive him.**"" Luke 17:3-4 NKJV

- a) With an isolated offense, most believers who have experienced even a small taste of God's mercy can overlook the injury and forgive someone, even before the offending party seeks reconciliation.
 - b) It's when those offenses become chronic that even the most mature Christians can struggle.
 - c) It is imperative that if you are the "victim" of such ongoing offenses, you bring them to light and admonish the offender.
 - d) At that point forgiveness is predicated on repentance
 - e) And regardless of the chronicity, repentance always makes a way for forgiveness and restoration.
- 1) *"Then Peter came to Him and said, "Lord, **how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Up to seven times?" Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven."** Matthew 18:21-22 NKJV*

- 2) Note: Forgiveness and restoration do not necessarily mean you are required to resume a relationship in the same way it existed prior to the onslaught of offenses.
- 3) It might be prudent to create healthy boundaries and to redefine new parameters of the relationship.
- f) However, if repentance is never forthcoming, that is when you MUST be very careful.
 - 1) That is when you are most at risk to develop very strong emotions about, opinions of, and reactions towards someone.
 - 2) I highly recommend you study the content of this linked teaching to help you navigate those feelings: [Surrender Judgement & Practice Honor](#)

(3) Do not let revenge, animosity, or frustration fester in your heart. It would be like cancer to your bones.

- (a) Never seek to harm someone, even if they have harmed you or someone you care about.
 1. **“Don’t seek revenge yourselves**, beloved, but give place to God’s wrath. For it is written, “Vengeance belongs to me; **I will repay, says the Lord.**””Romans 12:19 WEBUS

a) God is always your defense and forever your vindication.

1) See the three deadly poisons: Bitterness, Resentment, and Unforgiveness in [Surrender Anger & Practice Peace](#)

(b) Choose: Your Revenge or His Vengeance

1. No matter how wounded and weak you feel, at the height of temptation to seek revenge, satiate your animosity, or relieve your frustration, Yahweh says, "*Vengeance is mine.*" Deuteronomy 32:35

a) We are admonished: Do not take matters into your own hands.

1) "*Isn't this laid up in store with me, sealed up among my treasures? **Vengeance is mine**, and recompense, at the time **when their foot slides**, for **the day of their calamity** is at hand. Their **doom rushes at them.***" Deuteronomy 32:34-35

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b) Yahweh says, "I got this; it's your enemies who are powerless..."

1) "***For Yahweh will judge his people, and have compassion on his servants**, when he sees that **their power is gone**, that there is no one*

remaining, shut up or left at large.”

Deuteronomy 32:36 WEBUS

c) Yahweh says, “No one can save them from Me for what they’ve done to you; I am your vengeance!”

1) *“He will say, “**Where are their gods**, the rock in which they took refuge, which ate the fat of their sacrifices, and drank the wine of their drink offering? **Let them rise up and help you!** Let them be your protection. “See now that I myself am he. There is no god with me. I kill and I make alive. I wound and I heal. **There is no one who can deliver out of my hand.**” Deuteronomy*

32:37-39 WEBUS

(c) A word of WARNING!

1. “For **if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth**, there remains no more a sacrifice for sins, **but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and a fierceness of fire which will devour the adversaries.** A man who disregards Moses’ law dies without compassion on the word of two or three witnesses. **How much worse punishment** do you think he will be judged worthy of who has **trodden under foot the Son of God**, and has counted the

blood of the covenant with which he was sanctified an unholy thing, and has insulted the Spirit of grace? **For we know him who said, “Vengeance belongs to me. I will repay,” says the Lord. Again, “The Lord will judge his people.” It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.”** Hebrews 10:26-31

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- a) Don't put yourself in Yahweh's crosshairs!
 - 1) If you are engaging in chronic willful sinful behavior, then God's vengeance you might have hoped was for those who have harmed you will be turned and aimed at you!
 - 2) Yahweh judges His people, and it will be frightening for you if He witnesses you trampling on the blood of His Son.

(d) Animosity and Frustration

- 1. “All his days he also eats in darkness, **he is frustrated [angry, vexed, provoked, grieved], and has sickness and wrath.**” Ecclesiastes 5:17 WEBUS

- a) To live in a state of frustration is like having a chronic disease of the soul.
 - 1) [NIV] “...with great **frustration, affliction and anger.**”

2) [ESV] “...in much **vexation and sickness and anger.**”

3) [NKJV] “...has much **sorrow and sickness and anger.**”

(e) Dis-ease of the soul will eventually manifest in many various diseases in the body.

1. “My wounds are loathsome and corrupt **because of my foolishness. I am in pain** and bowed down greatly. **I go mourning** all day long. {7} **For my waist is filled with burning. There is no soundness in my flesh.**” Psalms 38:5-7 WEBUS

a) **Critical Care:** “*Anger-based emotions will lead to disease in your body if left “untreated!”*” DJH

1) [NKJV v. 7] “My loins are **full of inflammation**,
And there is no soundness in my flesh.”

2) [NIV v. 7] “My back is **filled with searing pain**;
there is **no health in my body.**”

3) [EASY v. 7] “My body is **hot with fever. I am very ill.**”

(4) Allow God to be the arbiter of equity over every relationship and in every situation.

(a) A prophecy with an amazing promise...

1. “A shoot will come out of the stock of Jesse, and a branch out of his roots will bear fruit. **Yahweh’s Spirit will rest on him:** the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of Yahweh. His delight will be in the fear of Yahweh. **He will not judge by the sight of his eyes, neither decide by the hearing of his ears; but he will judge the poor with righteousness, and decide with equity for the humble of the earth.** He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth; and with the breath of his lips he will kill the wicked. **Righteousness will be the belt** around his waist, and **faithfulness the belt** around his waist.” Isaiah 11:1-5 WEBUS

a) Yahweh’s Spirit (the Holy Spirit)...

- 1) **Character:** wisdom, understanding, counsel, might, knowledge and the fear of Yahweh.
- 2) **Judgement:** based on righteousness and equity.
- 3) **Outcome:** no need for self-defense; Yahweh will handle the wicked.

b) Besides, true justice comes from Yahweh alone.

**So... allow God to be the arbiter of equity for you
—and you won’t ever go wrong!**

- 1) *“The fear of man proves to be a snare, but whoever puts his trust in Yahweh is kept safe. **Many seek the ruler’s favor, but a man’s justice comes from Yahweh.** A dishonest man detests the righteous, and the upright in their ways detest the wicked.”* Proverbs 29:25-27 WEBUS

B. Practice Forgiveness

(1) **Introduction:** Release others and yourself from the bondage of holding a record of wrongs.

(a) **Practice Forgiveness:**

1. Maintain no ill will towards them for sinning against, or for harming, you or someone you care about.
2. Forgive others, forgive yourself, and if you are holding an offense against God, “forgive God!”.
3. Forgiving others is the secret to experiencing the fullness of God’s forgiveness in your life—and is what it means to be reconciled to God and to become a reconciler for others.

(b) A Record of Wrongs

1. **“Love** is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it **keeps no record of wrongs.**” 1 Corinthians 13:4-5 NIV

- a) God's love seals off the records!
 - 1) God does not erase the past from your memory, but He does remove the record of your sins from the archives!
- b) Your past sins can be located out west, *and if you want to search for them (**which would be utterly foolish**)*, Yahweh requires that you begin your journey to find them traveling east.
 - 1) *"As far as the east is from the west, so far has he **removed our transgressions** from us."* Psalms 103:12 WEBUS
- c) When you look back at your past, you will find there is not even one blemish on your record. So, stop living in the present as if there's unforgiveness for your past.
 - 1) *"I, even I, am he who **blots out your transgressions** for my own sake; and I **will not remember your sins**."* Isaiah 43:25 WEBUS
- d) And, if your past is forgiven, what does God require of you with regard to the sins of others?
 - 1) *"Pray like this: "Our Father in heaven, may your name be kept holy. Let your Kingdom come. Let your will be done on earth as it is in*

heaven. Give us today our daily bread. **Forgive us our debts, as we also forgive our debtors.** Bring us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For yours is the Kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.’ “**For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you don’t forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.**” Matthew 6:9-15

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- (c) A Powerful Blueprint for Forgiveness (so you don’t leave the door open for the Devil!)
1. “But **if any has caused sorrow, he has caused sorrow not to me**, but in part (that I not press too heavily) to you all. **This punishment which was inflicted by the many is sufficient for such a one**; so that, on the contrary, **you should rather forgive him and comfort him, lest by any means such a one should be swallowed up with his excessive sorrow.** Therefore I beg you to **confirm your love toward him.** For to this end I also wrote, **that I might know the proof of you**, whether you are **obedient in all things.** Now **I also forgive whomever you forgive** anything. For **if indeed**

I have forgiven anything, I have forgiven that one for your sakes in the presence of Christ, that no advantage may be gained over us by Satan, for we are not ignorant of his schemes.” 2 Corinthians 2:5-11 WEBUS

- a) Someone has cause you sorrow, pain, and grief!
 - 1) [ESV v. 5] “Now if anyone has caused **pain...**”
 - 2) [NIV v. 5] “If anyone has caused **grief...**”
- b) Now what?
 - 1) First realize this about the person who has sinned against you; the sin itself is presently causing him to suffer.
 - 2) At times, he need not be punished any further for the sin because he is already being punished by the sin.
 - 3) You should instead forgive and comfort him, so he does not become overwhelmed with grief.
 - 4) This is proof that you really know how to love someone like Christ loves them, even when he has harmed you.
 - 5) To truly forgive someone is a demonstration of the highest level of obedience to God.

- 6) When others witness this type of forgiveness, they too can better understand the forgiveness of Christ in their own lives.
 - 7) That is a very powerful experience and will prevent the Devil from gaining any foothold into your life, and theirs.
- c) Trust me, Satan is looking for a way into your life, and living with unforgiveness is an open invitation.
- 1) *““In your anger do not sin”: Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, and **do not give the devil a foothold.**” Eph. 4:26-27 NIV*
 - 2) *“Be sober and self-controlled. Be watchful. **Your adversary, the devil, walks around like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.**” 1 Peter 5:8*

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(d) The Dangers of Unforgiveness

1. “Then his Lord called him in and said to him, ‘**You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt** because you begged me. **Shouldn’t you also have had mercy on your fellow servant, even as I had mercy on you?’** His Lord was angry, and delivered him to the tormentors until he should pay all that was due to him. So my heavenly Father will also do to you, **if**

you don't each forgive your brother from your hearts for his misdeeds." Matthew 18:32-35 WEBUS

- a) God has forgiven you for every sin; you should do the same for others; if you won't, "*...forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.*" (Matthew 6:15)
- b) In other words, you will receive from God exactly what you are willing to give to others!
 - 1) "*For with whatever judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with **whatever measure you measure, it will be measured to you.***" Matthew 7:2 WEBUS

(2) Maintain no ill will against them for sinning against, or for harming, you or someone you care about.

(a) We already saw Luke 17:1-2 at the start of our lesson...
"Offenses will come, but don't be the offender!"

- 1. "**Take heed** to yourselves. **If your brother sins against you**, rebuke him; and if he repents, **forgive him**. And if he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times in a day returns to you, saying, **'I repent,' you shall forgive him.**" Luke 17:3-4 NKJV

- a) Rebuke the offender and look for genuine repentance. Then forgive him!

- b) And, "...**keeps no record of wrongs.**" 1 Cor. 13:5
2. Now, more specifics about how to cover an offense with love and what to do about it when you are offended:
1. "He who **covers an offense promotes love**; but he who repeats a matter separates best friends." Proverbs 17:9 WEBUS
- a) Don't try to harm him in return!
- 1) "**Repay no one evil for evil.** Respect what is honorable in the sight of all men." Romans 12:17 WEBUS
- b) Forgive other as Christ forgave you!
- 1) "*bearing with one another, and **forgiving each other**, if any man has a complaint against any; even **as Christ forgave you**, so you also do.*" Colossians 3:13 WEBUS
- c) Rather than curse or insult someone who has harmed you, bless them instead!
- 1) "*Finally, all of you be like-minded, compassionate, loving as brothers, tenderhearted, courteous, not **rendering evil for evil or insult for insult; but instead blessing**, knowing that you were called to this, that you may inherit a blessing.*" 1 Peter 3:8-9 WEBUS

(c) Bonus: [Surrender Judgement & Practice Honor](#)

1. See this critical teaching about why forgiveness does not mean you should just sit back and allow a fellow Christian to sin without holding him accountable.

a) ***“You shall not hate your brother in your heart. You shall surely rebuke your neighbor, and not bear sin because of him.”*** Lev. 19:17

1) To bear a brother’s sin means to make it easy for him to continue sinning by saying nothing about it, covering it up, or taking it on yourself.

b) Remember!

1) ***“he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save a soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.”*** James 5:20

(3) The Forgiveness Trifecta: Forgive Others, Forgive Yourself, and Forgive God!

(a) Forgive Others

1. “Put on therefore, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, a heart of compassion, kindness, lowliness, humility, and perseverance; **bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, if any man has a complaint against any; even as Christ forgave you, so you also do.** Above all these things, walk in love,

which is the bond of perfection.” Colossians 3:12-14

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a) We already covered this extensively in this study, but here is a great summary about forgiving others.

1) Be compassionate, kind, meek, humble, and patient with one another.

2) Forgive all complaints against others, as Christ forgave you!

(b) Forgive Yourself (as He forgives you!)

1. **“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and righteous to forgive us the sins** and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” 1 John 1:9 WEBUS

a) To understand and receive God’s forgiveness is at the heart of your Christian faith.

1) *“For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness. **I will remember their sins and lawless deeds no more.**”* Hebrews 8:12 WEBUS

2) *“I, even I, am he who **blots out your transgressions** for my own sake; and I will not remember your sins.”* Isaiah 43:25 WEBUS

b) He has cast your sins so far from you that you can’t ever retrieve them. They are located out west, *and if you want to search for them (**which would be***

utterly foolish), Yahweh requires that you begin your journey to find them traveling east.

1) **“As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.”** Psalms 103:12 WEBUS

c) The only way to *re-experience* them is to *re-commit* them! But, you are not going back there, correct?

1) **“For you have spent enough time in the past doing what pagans choose to do—living in debauchery, lust, drunkenness, orgies, carousing and detestable idolatry. **They are surprised that you do not join them* in their reckless, wild living, and they heap abuse on you.”** 1 Peter 4:3-4 NIV

2) ***Who are they?... “Don’t be deceived! “Evil companionships corrupt good morals.””** 1 Corinthians 15:33 WEBUS

(c) Forgive God

1. **““I, Yahweh, search the mind. I try the heart, even to give every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his doings.””** Jeremiah 17:10 WEBUS

- a) We learned earlier in this study that Yahweh is just and equitable, and we enjoy those benefits when He deals with our enemies.
- b) However, His justice and equity also govern our lives, so do not blame God for what you have brought on yourself.
 - 1) *“**But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or a thief, or an evil doer, or a meddler in other men’s matters. But if one of you suffers for being a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God in this matter.**”* 1 Peter 4:15-16 WEBUS
 - 2) See [Forgiven Yet Liable](#) for a full-length study about why even with God’s forgiveness (which secures our eternity), we oftentimes still suffer the temporal consequences of our sins.
 - 3) But, suffering also has its privileges...
- c) Whether it is brought on by our own actions...
 - 1) *“**It is good for me that I have been afflicted, that I may learn your statutes.**”* Psalms 119:71
WEBUS
- d) Or, it is being used by God to train us and to produce in us a peaceful spirit and righteousness...

1) ***“It is for discipline that you endure. God deals with you as with children, for what son is there whom his father doesn’t discipline? But if you are without discipline, of which all have been made partakers, then you are illegitimate, and not children. {1 1} All chastening seems for the present to be not joyous but grievous; yet afterward it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.”*** Hebrews 12:7-8, 11 WEBUS

e) Either way, do not hold an offense against God for your suffering; He is your comforter so you can comfort others in their suffering.

1) ***“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, through the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.”*** 2 Corinthians 1:3-4 WEBUS

(d) Bonus: [Surrender Anger & Practice Peace](#)

1. Study, in detail, these two powerful lessons Y'shua taught on forgiveness; one using **a fig tree** and the other **a parable about an unforgiving servant**.
 - a) These are frightening object lessons about which Y'shua warned in Matthew 6:15... *"But if you don't forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses."*
 - 1) The forgiveness of God knows no limits, if you are willing to also forgive your brother.
 - 2) God's forgiveness covers your immeasurable debt of sin, compared to the tiny speck of sin that someone might commit against you.
 - 3) God uses an if-then legal system that He created and within which He chooses to operate.
 - b) God's legal system works in two directions, thus you can reverse engineer the effects of any decision using His operating system.
 - 1) If you won't forgive, you won't be forgiven!
 - 2) If you consciously and purposely forgive others their tiny debt, you can expect to be forgiven your otherwise insurmountable debt by God.
 - 3) God's if-then legal system functions the same way in every act of faith, not just for forgiveness!

- 4) See a full length teaching on this subject in [Legal Matters](#).

(4) Experiencing the fullness of God’s forgiveness—and what it means to be reconciled and to be a reconciler.

(a) You are a minister of reconciliation!

1. “But all things are of God, who reconciled us to himself through Jesus Christ, and **gave to us the ministry of reconciliation**; namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, **not reckoning to them their trespasses**, and having committed to us the word of reconciliation. **We are therefore ambassadors on behalf of Christ, as though God were entreating by us**: we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For him who knew no sin he made to be sin on our behalf, so **that in him we might become the righteousness of God.**” 2 Corinthians 5:18-21 WEBUS

a) Every Christian has the **ministry of reconciliation** as part of their assignment. It means you were reconciled to God when Christ...

- 1) “*Cast your sins as far as the east is from the west.*”

- 2) *“Remembered your sins and lawless deeds no more.”*
 - 3) *“Blotted out your transgressions.”*
- b) Because He did that for you, you now have the obligation to become His righteousness in the earth and to...
- 1) Acknowledge, receive the fullness of, and understand the magnitude of that reconciliation.
 - 2) Be His representative, and to live and speak as if He is living and speaking through you.
 - 3) Do the same for others, so they too can experience His reconciliation.
- c) You will never fully experience forgiveness and reconciliation with a God who you cannot see until you experience forgiveness and reconciliation with a brother who you can see.
- 1) *“If a man says, **“I love God,”** and ***hates his brother**, he is a liar; for **he who doesn’t love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen?”** 1 John 4:20*
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- d) **Remember:** to **hate* a brother to bear his sin (saying nothing about it!) Lev. 19:17

1) *“If therefore you are offering your gift at the altar, and there remember that **your brother has anything against you**, leave your gift there before the altar, and **go your way. First be reconciled to your brother**, and then come and offer your gift.”* Matthew 5:23-24 WEBUS

(b) The woman accused of adultery...

1. “Jesus, standing up, saw her and said, “Woman, where are your accusers? Did no one condemn you?” She said, “No one, Lord.” Jesus said, “**Neither do I condemn you. Go your way. From now on, sin no more.**”” John 8:10-11 WEBUS

a) You are free to go and begin your new life in Christ without any baggage.

1) See [Surrender Judgement & Practice Honor](#) for a complete teaching on this passage.

b) Contrast the man who walked away sad, because he was not willing to begin a new life with Christ.

1) *“Jesus said to him, “If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have, and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.” **But when the young man heard this, he went away sad, for he was one***

who had great possessions.” Matthew 19:21-22

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(c) The paralytic man...

1. “Immediately Jesus, perceiving in his spirit that they so reasoned within themselves, said to them, “Why do you reason these things in your hearts? **Which is easier, to tell the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven;’ or to say, ‘Arise, and take up your bed, and walk’?** But **that you may know** that the Son of Man has **authority on earth to forgive sins**”—he said to the paralytic— “I tell you, arise, take up your mat, and go to your house.”” Mark 2:8-11 WEBUS

a) It’s one thing to claim that you can forgive sins; it’s altogether undeniable when you prove it!

1) *“Jesus, seeing their faith, said to the paralytic, **“Son, your sins are forgiven you.”** But there were some of the scribes sitting there and reasoning in their hearts, “Why does this man speak blasphemies like that? **Who can forgive sins but God alone?**””* Mark 2:5-7 WEBUS

b) You can step into that same ministry!

1) *“If you forgive anyone’s sins, they have been forgiven them. If you retain anyone’s sins, they have been retained.”* John 20:23 WEBUS

(d) The Samaritan woman at the well...

1. “So the woman left her water pot, went away into the city, and said to the people, **“Come, see a man who told me everything that I have done. Can this be the Christ?”** They went out of the city, and were coming to him.” John 4:28-30 WEBUS

a) It’s one thing to claim that you are the coming Messiah; it’s altogether undeniable when you prove it!

1) (Read John 4:1-30) An entire region was infected with Christ’s forgiveness.

(e) Y’shua heals ten lepers...

1. “As he was on his way to Jerusalem, he was passing along the borders of Samaria and Galilee. As he entered into a certain village, **ten men who were lepers met him, who stood at a distance.** They lifted up their voices, saying, **“Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!”** When he saw them, he said to them, **“Go and show yourselves to the priests.”** As they went, they were cleansed. **One of them**, when he saw that he

was healed, **turned back, glorifying God with a loud voice. He fell on his face at Jesus' feet**, giving him thanks; and he was a Samaritan. Jesus answered, **"Weren't the ten cleansed? But where are the nine? Were there none found who returned to give glory to God, except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up, and go your way. Your faith has healed you."** Luke 17:11-19 WEBUS

- a) This is what it looks like to **fully experience** the forgiveness and reconciliation of God.

(5) Make a choice: Seven provocative questions to consider if you desire to experience the fullness of God's forgiveness; His reconciliation, and to become a reconciler!

- (a) Are you keeping His Word? Are you walking like Y'shua?

- 1. **"But God's love has most certainly been perfected in whoever keeps his word.** This is how we know that we are in him: he who says **he remains in him ought himself also to walk just like he walked.**" 1 John 2:5-6 WEBUS

- a) To whom are you being obedient?

- 1) *"Don't you know that when you present yourselves as servants and obey someone, **you***

are the servants of whomever you obey, whether of sin to death, or of obedience to righteousness?” Romans 6:16 WEBUS

b) Is your life marked by holiness and godliness?

1) *“Therefore, since all these things will be destroyed like this, **what kind of people ought you to be in holy living and godliness,**” 2 Peter 3:11 WEBUS*

c) Are you a child of obedience or are you conforming to your former lusts?

1) *“Therefore **prepare your minds** for action. **Be sober,** and **set your hope fully on the grace** that will be **brought to you at the revelation** of Jesus Christ—**as children of obedience, not conforming yourselves according to your former lusts as in your ignorance, but just as he who called you is holy,** you yourselves also **be holy in all of your behavior,** because it is written, **“You shall be holy, for I am holy.”**” 1 Peter 1:13-16 WEBUS*

d) How can you step into a life of holy living and godliness?

- 1) ***“throwing down imaginations and every high thing that is exalted against the knowledge of God and bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ, and being in readiness to avenge all disobedience when your obedience is made full.”*** 2 Corinthians 10:5-6

WEBUS

- e) Now make a choice; whom will you serve?
 - 1) ***“If it seems evil to you to serve Yahweh, choose today whom you will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell; but as for me and my house, we will serve Yahweh.”***” Joshua 24:15 WEBUS
- f) Seven questions YOU MUST answer CORRECTLY to experience the fullness of God’s forgiveness; His reconciliation, and to become a reconciler!
 - 1) Are you keeping His Word?
 - 2) Are you walking like Y’shua?
 - 3) To whom are you being obedient?
 - 4) Is your life marked by holiness and godliness?
 - 5) Are you a child of obedience or are you conforming to your former lusts?

- 6) How can you step into a life of holy living and godliness?
- 7) Now make a choice; whom will you serve?

Prayer: I SURRENDER MY OFFENSES (*Father, I know I will inevitably be harmed in life—many times. I and someone I love will be sinned against, but I know I must not let revenge, animosity, or frustration to fester in my heart. That would be like cancer to my bones. I will allow You, O God, to be the arbiter of equity over every relationship and in every situation.*) I WILL PRACTICE FORGIVENESS (*Today, I release others and myself from the bondage of holding a record of wrongs. I maintain no ill will towards anyone for sinning against, or for harming, me or someone I care about. I forgive others, myself, and any offense I'm holding against You, O God! I know this is the secret to experiencing the fullness of Your forgiveness in my life—and what it means to be reconciled to God and to become a reconciler for others.*)

ASSIGNMENT #19

1. Pray about and meditate on these Scriptures:

- A. “For **the word of God** is living and active, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing of soul

and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and **is able to discern the thoughts and intentions of the heart. There is no creature that is hidden from his sight, but *all things are naked and laid open before the eyes of him to whom we must give an account.***" Hebrews 4:12-13 WEBUS

- B. "But there is **nothing covered up that will not be revealed,** nor hidden that will not be known." Luke 12:2 WEBUS
- C. "For **God will bring every work into judgment, with every hidden thing, whether it is good, or whether it is evil.**" Ecclesiastes 12:14 WEBUS
- D. "For **no one can lay any other foundation than that which has been laid, which is Jesus Christ.** But if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay, or straw, **each man's work will be revealed. For the Day will declare it, because it is revealed in fire;** and the fire itself will test what sort of work each man's work is." 1 Corinthians 3:11-13 WEBUS
- E. "For the time has come for **judgment** to begin with the household of God. If it **begins first with us,** what will happen to those who don't obey the Good News of God?" 1 Peter 4:17 WEBUS

2. **Surrender Offenses:** *“Then He said to the disciples, **“It is impossible that no offenses should come, but woe to him through whom they do come!”** Luke 17:1 NKJV*

A. Search your heart humbly and honestly.

- 1) Do you acknowledge that you will inevitably be harmed in life—many times?
- 2) Will you recognize that you or someone you love will be sinned against?
- 3) Will you commit to no longer letting revenge, animosity, or frustration to fester in your heart, as it would be like cancer to your bones?
- 4) Will you allow God to be the arbiter of equity over every relationship and in every situation?
- 5) Please review your answer to each question and explain your strategy to address it.
- 6) Who will hold you accountable to surrender your offenses?

3. **Practice Forgiveness:** *“[Love] **keeps no record of wrongs.**” 1 Corinthians 13:5 NIV*

A. Are you prepared to experience forgiveness in your life never before?

- 1) Are you ready to release others and yourself from the bondage of holding a record of wrongs?

- 2) Are you willing to maintain no ill will towards anyone for sinning against, or for harming, you or someone you care about?
- 3) Will you forgive others, yourself, and any offense you are holding against God?
- 4) Do you confess that being forgiving towards others is the secret to experiencing the fullness of God's forgiveness in your life—and is what it means to be reconciled to God and to become a reconciler for others?
- 5) Please review your answer to each question and explain your strategy to address it.
- 6) Who will hold you accountable to take an inventory of who in your life needs to be forgiven and then assure that you actually do it?