

# THE TRUTH ABOUT FORGIVENESS

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# GENESIS

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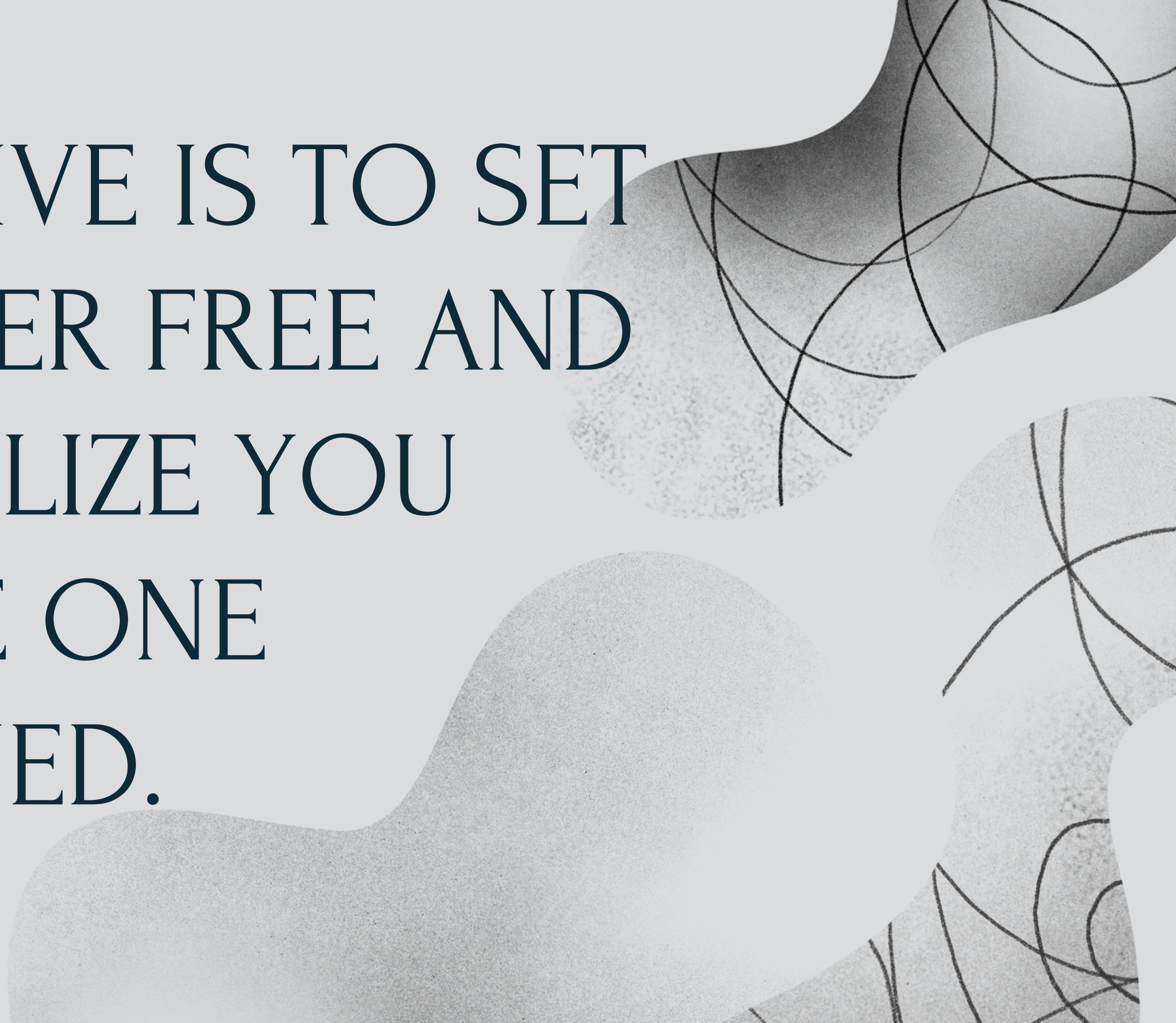
“What if Joseph holds a grudge against us and pays us back for all the wrongs we did to him?”

19 But Joseph said to them, “Don’t be afraid. *Am I in the place of God?* 20 You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. 21 So then, don’t be afraid. I will provide for you and your children.” And he reassured them and spoke kindly to them.





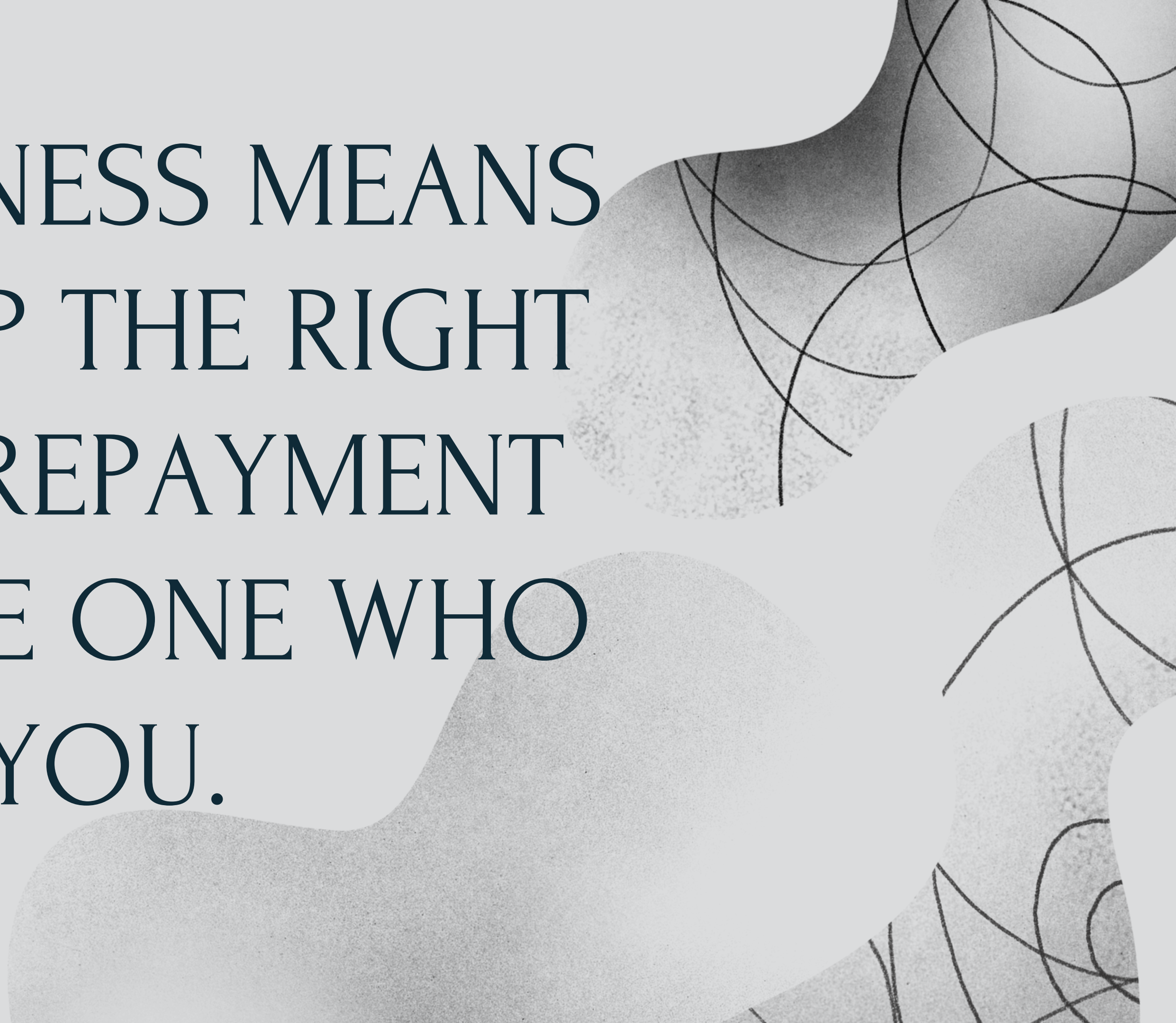
TO FORGIVE IS TO SET  
A PRISONER FREE AND  
THEN REALIZE YOU  
WERE THE ONE  
IMPRISONED.







FORGIVENESS MEANS  
GIVING UP THE RIGHT  
TO SEEK REPAYMENT  
FROM THE ONE WHO  
HARMED YOU.







FORGIVENESS IS A  
FORM OF VOLUNTARY  
SUFFERING.



# 1 PETER

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20 But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God. 21 To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.

22 “He committed no sin,  
and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

# 1 PETER

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23 When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. 24 “He himself bore our sins” in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; “by his wounds you have been healed.”



# 1 PETER

3

8 Finally, all of you, **be like-minded**, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble. 9 Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult. On the contrary, repay evil with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing.

13 Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? 14 But even if you should suffer for what is right, **you are blessed**.

# 1 PETER

## 4

13 But rejoice inasmuch as you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed.





# ACTS

## 14

22 “We must go through many hardships  
to enter the kingdom of God”



FORGIVENESS ASSUMES  
SIN BUT FOCUSES ON  
RESOLUTION.



# MATTHEW

## 5

23 “Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, 24 leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift.

# MATTHEW

18

15 “If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over. 16 But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that ‘every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.’ 17 If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church; and if they refuse to listen even to the church, treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector.

FORGIVENESS IS  
ALWAYS YOUR MOVE.





# PHILIPPIANS

## 2

Philippians 2: 7 Rather, he (Jesus) made himself nothing  
by taking the very nature of a servant,  
being made in human likeness.



ACTS

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37 Barnabas wanted to take John, also called Mark, with them, 38 but Paul did not think it wise to take him, because he had deserted them in Pamphylia and had not continued with them in the work.

2 TIMOTHY

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11 Get Mark and bring him with you, because he is helpful to me in my ministry.





# WHAT YOU WILL NEED IN ORDER TO FORGIVE

A 3-Step Guide





# A WILLINGNESS TO GRANT FORGIVENESS BEFORE IT'S FELT

Step 1







# PRAY FOR EMOTIONAL HUMILITY

Step 2



If you cannot admit that you (like Paul) are the "Chief of Sinners" (1 Timothy 1:15), you will always see yourself as **SUPERIOR** to others.





# SEEK EMOTIONAL WEALTH

Step 3





The more you **rejoice** in your own forgiveness, the quicker you will be to forgive others.



# MATTHEW

## 6

14 For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. 15 But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.