

Series: Relentless Love (5/12/24 Am)

Title: How to Forgive Others

Text: (Hosea 1-3)

Introduction: The Story of Hosea

(Ch 1:2) The Marriage Hosea to Gomer

(Ch 1:3-4) Son: Jez-reel

(Ch1:6) Daughter: Lo-ru-hamah

(Ch 1:8-9) Son: Lo-Ammi

(Ch 2:1-2, 5) Gomer runs away

(Ch 3:1-2) Hosea Buys her off the Slave Market.

(Ch 3:3) Restores her to the Status of Wife, not servant.

(Ch 3:3c) Hosea is committing himself to her just as he is asking her to commit her self to him.

Forgiveness is a very mis-understood concept.

(Lk 17:1-4) If you were expecting a Problem free Life, Sorry.

How is this Possible? BY FAITH - (Lk 17:5-6)

How do I forgive?

I. Understand that forgiveness is NOT ...

- Denying you were hurt
- Forgetting or pushing it out of your mind
- An emotion or feeling
- Asking God to forgive you for being angry with the person
- Asking God to pardon the person who hurt you,

II. Understand that forgiveness IS ...

A commandment: (Matt 5:43-46)(Lk 6:27-34)

Loving Christian Brothers: (Jn 13:34-35)

Paul Reaffirms This: (Rom 12:20-21)

Looks like God the Father in (Hosea 2:19-20, 22)

Looks Like Jesus! (1 Cor 13:4-8)

It is the most powerful witness of GOD on you! (Rom 12:21)
(James 4:10)(Eph 4:32)

Forgiveness is a Command: (Mk 11:25-26)(Lk 11:4)

Forgiveness is an on going Command: (Lk 17:4)(Matt 6:12)

Releasing the Debt as God released you: (Eph 4:32)

Canceling the debt: (Matt 6:14-15)

Forgiveness Is How We Worship God! (Col 3:13)

God is Worthy of Our Obedience: (1 Pet 3:9)

III. Understanding HOW to Forgive

A. Get alone with God.

B. Ask God to forgive you for your bitterness

C. Pray through your “You Owe Me” list aloud.

D. Thank the Lord for using this: (Rom 8:28-29)

E. Cast Down bitter thoughts & hostile feelings

1. Don’t Rehearse the Details: (Phil 3:13)

2. Don’t Nurse the Hurt: (Matt 6:12-15)

3. Don’t Curse the Offender: (Rom 12:19)(Matt 5:44)

4. Immediately pray for who hurt you: (Matt 5:44)
(Job 42:10)

5. Forgive them again: