

# The Power Of Forgiveness

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I have found the Lord to be in a really, really talkative mood. If you have your ears tuned in, God is talking, through circumstances, through signs and wonders, through this whole awakening, through the still small voice. When you set your heart to hear the Lord, He starts talking to you.

I hear people all the time say, “well, you know, we’ve been thinking about coming, we’re going to start coming”. I would just say this, do it, because there has never been a better time in the life of this household.

It’s more critical, more important, not just for you, but for us, for everybody. Everybody wins when you commit to what the Lord’s saying to you.

We have people all over from our online community, so I would suggest for you, we’re really, really glad you’re with us online, but make a pilgrimage to Sayre, OK and come join us. If you let us know ahead of time, we could probably put you up. A pilgrimage is a spiritual journey, and there’s something that you feel when you come here. There’s something special here.

What God has done, and started, and initiated here a long time ago is a prototype of what God wants to do in a lot of other places. There’s something that God has initiated here. It’s not mainstream, but God wants to make it mainstream.

We’ve been talking really intensely for over three years now, about an awakening that I believe is happening, and I think some of you have caught the truth. It’s been a contagious thing. I have said it over and over again. The Kingdom is coming, with or without you. And, as for me in my house, we have made our choice.

If you really believe there’s an awakening taking place, tell me what it is. I want to know what you’re doing to adjust your life for that. That’s for leaders first, and then for everybody else. **If you believe it, you are adjusting.**

I challenge you to look at the stuff that Jesus taught, and show me something that Jesus taught that was so deep that you couldn’t understand it. The words of Jesus are still alive and as relevant today as they were 2000 years ago.

Faith is knowing what you should do. And doing it. It’s a bomb that goes off in your spirit if you receive the revelation of it. Are you willing for God to mess you up in a good way? Because that’s what He wants to do.

God’s nurturing our faith now, for greater things. It’s impossible to please God without faith.

If you will let God, let Him today, He’s going to do something in you that will profoundly change you forever. Yeah. I got everybody’s attention on that one. It will initiate very possibly the most dramatic transformation you’re ever going to experience in your life. It’s a deep, deep work of the spirit. Let’s talk about forgiveness.

Most people think that the moral of the story Peter walking on water is, well, Peter tried to walk on the water and couldn't. I don't see it that way. I see Peter believed he could walk on the water, and he did.

There's nothing more important in our lives, other than our relationship with Him, than Agape. The power, the strength of the love of God, can heal us just like He healed Peter's heart right there, to the degree that Peter stepped right into the destiny that God had for him.

Don't let your failures define you. Listen to what God says, and let Him pull you off from the breakfast table. Let it do a work on you like He did in Peter. He wants to do that in us, too.

Stay in the mode of forgiveness. If you set your heart right now to be a forgiver, you're going to get some chances. If you're going to be a good forgiver, one of the things you have to do is practice it a lot.

If you set your heart to be a forgiver, when the thing comes up, when you're betrayed, when your feelings are hurt, when those kind of things happen, you're already in the mode of forgiveness.

Forgiveness is not a feeling you have, it's a choice that you make. Seven times, or seven times seventy? You keep on making the choice to forgive.

Keep making the choice to forgive until the feeling of forgiveness starts to be a part of you. When you're wounded or betrayed or hurt very deeply, there's an opportunity for a breach to happen in relationships, a break to happen in relationships, and it happens a lot.

If we're going to expect the best that God can do, and the most that God wants to do here, we have to get better at forgiving. The enemy is always going to come back to you with reasons that you should not forgive. That's why you keep on making the decision to forgive until the feeling of forgiveness is there.

You're chosen for this particular generation. Not to just take up space, grow up, have a few kids, retire, and wait for Jesus to come back. That's boring! You're a chosen generation. God called you so you could have an encounter with Him, the One who spoke the world into being.

*"Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with hearts of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another and forgive any complaint you may have against someone else. Forgive. Forgive, as the Lord forgave you".*

*"And be thankful".* Some of you may already be doing it, of practicing. Daily practicing gratitude for the things that you are grateful for, and saying those things out loud. When you declare that you're grateful, or thankful for something, lights go on in your brain. It affects your attitude, it affects your conduct. It affects you physically. Some of you need some lights to come on.

It's always right to forgive. Forgiveness is always in style. Forgiveness is one of the main key characteristics of a Kingdom person. **One of the greatest tests in life is, can you forgive?**

I think the faith and then the forgiveness thing is so you can be at your very best. With unforgiveness, you can't be at your best. Unforgiveness keeps us from moving forward, from progressing, from advancing in our life. Unforgiveness keep you in bondage.

You can't separate forgiveness from Agape. When it says God is love, God is love. But contained in that is, He's a forgiver.

God will talk a lot with you if you make it a priority to hear Him, and set some time aside for Him. He'll do that with you. It works for me.

If you can't forgive, you can't be free. You can't be well.

Keep on making the choice to forgive. When you make the conscious choice, something happens in you every time you make that choice. It does something in you.

Throw the door open on your heart. It's this simple. "God, have at it. Show me myself. Show me where, what needs to change."

If you can't forgive, you can't be well. If you can't forgive, you can't fulfill your destiny. If you can't forgive, you can't have the joy of the Lord. If you can't forgive, the enemy will always have an advantage over you.

Every time you forgive is a gut punch of the most, of the hardest kind, to the enemy. Just remember the enemy doesn't quit. If he thinks there's a crack, if he thinks there's a chance that he can pull you back into that anger, bitterness, unforgiveness, and get you focused on the offense, rather than focused on the Lord, he'll do that. If you can't forgive, the enemy will always have an advantage over you.

If you can't forgive, you can't get past wherever you are in your spiritual life right now. If you can't forgive, you can't get past here.

If you can't forgive, other people are going to suffer and struggle. If they see you and they see you harboring unforgiveness, you're keeping them from advancing.

*"Whoever causes these little ones to stumble, it would be better if they had a millstone tied around their neck, and they were thrown into the bottom of the ocean".* God cares about the people who are in your circle. God cares about the people whom you associate with, and you can be the light, the lightning rod for God to touch. But you have to forgive.

When you forgive, you're showing the world what God is like. When you forgive, you're showing a person what God is like. People really need to see what God is like.

Forgiveness is a simple decision, but it's not an easy decision. Forgiveness is simple but it's not easy. It's probably going to be one of the hardest things you'll ever do in your life.

Forgiving is **MAYBE** the most powerful form of ministry there is. It's not like laying hands on and praying for someone to be healed, not like believing and standing with someone who's going through a rough time. It's a different kind of ministry. But forgiveness may be the purest, and most powerful form of ministry there is.

*"If you think it's hard to forgive, wait till you get the bill for regret".* See where you could have gone in your life. What could have happened with you? What miraculous stuff God could have done through you? Had you just forgiven.