



**a simple act
of forgiveness**

Gen. 50:15-21

Forgiveness Defined:

Forgiveness Demonstrated:

An act of _____.

An opportunity for _____.

Forgiveness Applied:

1. Forgiveness _____ judgement to the _____.
2. Forgiveness _____ God's _____ in hardship.
3. Forgiveness _____ out in _____.
4. Forgiveness is something _____.

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REALife Application

Use the following questions this week to reflect on what it would mean to align yourself with the truths taught in scripture. Each question is meant for both personal reflection and as a catalyst for discussion with your family, friends, or REALife Group.

1. Have you ever faced a situation where someone really wronged you resulting in severe loss and pain? Why is it so hard to forgive?
2. How does a healthy understanding of God's judgement help us find the freedom to forgive? See Romans 12:17-21; 1 Peter 2:21-23.
3. Think of some examples where God brought about good for someone even though they were wronged? How did forgiveness play a role in that?
4. Are there people that you need to forgive? See Mark 11:25. What will it take for you to forgive and move forward?

Memory Verse:

And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive him, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins.

Mark 11:25