

RECOVERING GOD'S IMAGE IN ME

The Flip Side of Forgiveness* **Matthew 18:21-35**

Looking at the Flip side : God's perspective

1.) God intends forgiveness to be unlimited.

Forgiveness does not mean:

- a. It didn't hurt.
- b. It wasn't wrong.
- c. It doesn't deserve restitution.
- d. I have to reconcile with a dangerous person.

Forgiveness does mean:

- a. To let go.
- b. To let God.
- c. Their humanity is bigger than the offense.
- d. To seek their good.

2.) God models the magnitude of forgiveness.

3.) Unforgiveness is self centered.

4.) Unforgiveness has staggering consequences.

- a. An obstacle to salvation.
- b. Damages community.
- c. Damages the reputation of Christians.
- d. Creates a rift with God.
- e. Denies God's image in you.
- f. A Prison-emotional and physical health.

Application:

- 1.) Do you need to forgive someone?
- 2.) Do you need to forgive God?
- 3.) Do you need to receive God's forgiveness?

Memory Verse

*Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other,
just as in Christ God forgave you. Ephesians 4:32*

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