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Forgive Us As We Forgive

Matthew 6:9-13

Luke 11:1-13



And it came to pass, that, as he was praying in a certain place, when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples. ² And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth. ³ Give us day by day our daily bread. ⁴ And forgive us our sins; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. ⁵ And he said unto them, Which of you shall have a friend, and shall go unto him at midnight, and say unto him, Friend, lend me three loaves; ⁶ For a friend of mine in his journey is come to me, and I have nothing to set before him? ⁷ And he from within shall answer and say, Trouble me not: the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give thee. ⁸ I say unto you, Though he will not rise and give him, because he is his friend, yet because of his importunity he will rise and give him as many as he needeth. ⁹ And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. ¹⁰ For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. ¹¹ If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if *he ask* a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent? ¹² Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? ¹³ If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall *your* Heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?



Matthew 6:9 (AV/ESV)

- After this manner therefore pray ye:
- Pray then **like this:**



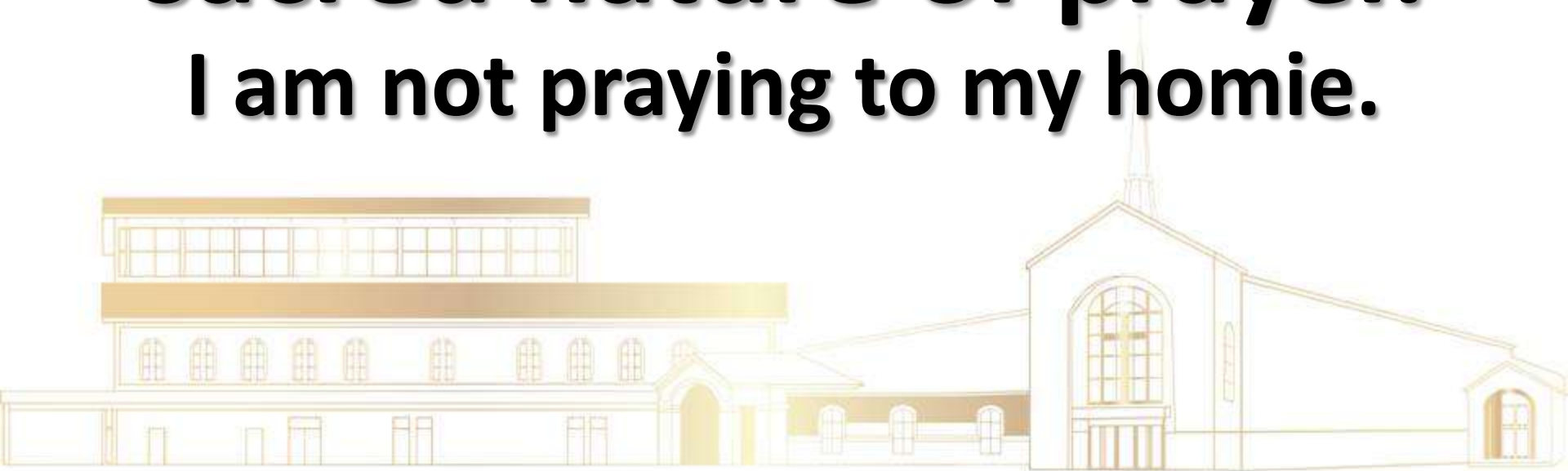
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**Memorizing the Lord's
prayer provides a
framework or guide for
what to say**



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Hallowed be
reminds us of the
sacred nature of prayer.
I am not praying to my homie.



Matthew 6:9 (ESV)

- Pray then like this: “Our Father in heaven, **hallowed be your name.**



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Name refers to the
character and nature of
God in all His Pure
Perfections



Pray in this way:

- **Exalt God's Holy Name**
- **Articulate words that Worship God**
- **Express gratitude**
- **Proclaim God's goodness**
- **Tell God you love him**
- **Give God the glory with words**



Matthew 6:9; Luke 11:2

- Thy kingdom come

Petition #1



“Thy Kingdom Come” prayers include:

- **Confession of Sin**
- **Prayers for grace to obey**
- **Petitions that give God Glory**
- **Advancement of the gospel**
- **Restoration of wayward saints**
- **Salvation of the lost**
- **Power to be holy**
- **Supplications for unity**



Luke 11:2



•Thy will be done,
as in heaven, so in
earth.

Petition #2

“Thy will be done” prayers include:

- **Any request for wisdom**
- **Petitions for discernment**
- **Appeals for all forms of reconciliation**
- **Anything to do with sanctification**
- **Calls for repentance**



Matthew 6:11

- Give us this day our daily bread.

Petition #3



Twenty-first century application of “give us this day our daily bread” must include:

- **Acknowledgement that God is the ultimate source of substance**
- **Petitions for food**
- **Requests for work or employment**
- **Good health in order to work**
- **God’s blessing upon my work**
- **Safety and security so that I can work**
- **Wisdom to work well**
- **Petitions for good stewardship**
- **Divine intervention to overcome the effects of the fall**



Matthew 6:12

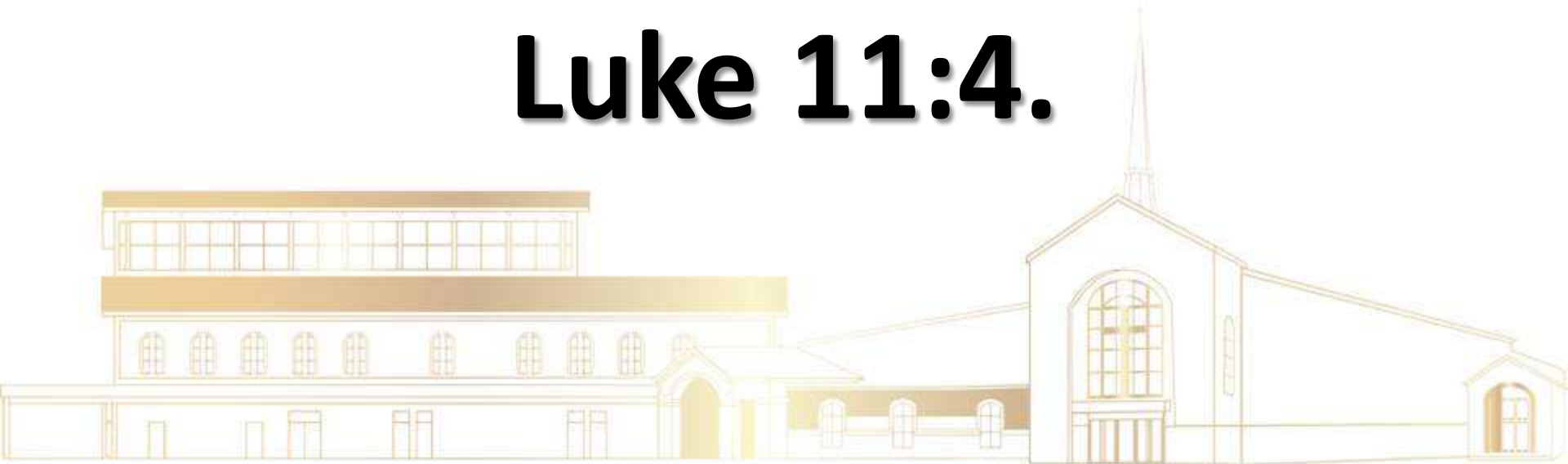
- And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

Petition #4



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**We know that sin is
being presented as a
debt here because of
Luke 11:4.**



Luke 11:4

- **And forgive us our sins;**
for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us.



**Why are we asking God to
forgive our sins if we are
saved?**

**Saved people have been declared
just or righteous. The debt of
their sin has been cancelled
according to Col. 2:14.**



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Turn to

Colossians 2:13-14

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Colossians 2:13–14 (ESV)



- And you, who were dead in your trespasses [sins] and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

Romans 8:1



- There is therefore now
no condemnation for
those who are in Christ
Jesus.

While there is a promise of “no condemnation” to those who are in Christ Jesus there is also a promise of correction and discipline to those God loves.



Revelation 3:19



- Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline, so be zealous and repent.

I believe the best way to understand the need to seek God for the forgiveness of sins as a person who has had all their sins forgiven by the shed blood of Jesus Christ is found in John 13:10.



John 13:10

Jesus said to Peter,

“The one who has bathed does not need to wash, **except for his feet**, but is completely clean.

And you [the disciples] are clean, but not every one of you.”



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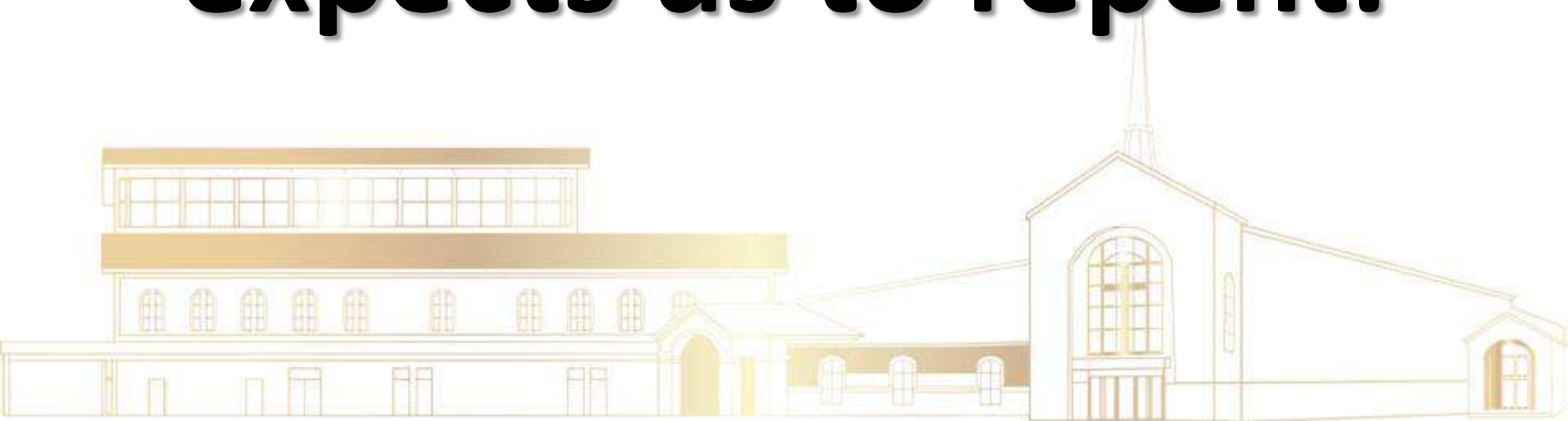
2. The feet of the one who is completely clean need to be washed.

- I take dirty feet to represent the daily sins committed by the believer which God cannot ignore.
- I think this is a reference to that which is temporal.



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**The Bible is very clear.
God sees our sin and
expects us to repent.**



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Turn to

Hebrews 12:3



Hebrews 12:3-5

- Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted. ⁴ **In your struggle against sin** you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. ⁵ And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons?



Hebrews 12:5b-6

- “My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him. ⁶ For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives.”



Hebrews 12:7-8

- It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? ⁸ If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons.



Hebrews 12:9

- Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them.
- Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live?



Hebrews 12:10

- For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness.



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**2. Want to re-experience
intimacy and fellowship with
our Creator and His Son.**



Revelation 3:20



- Behold, I [Jesus] stand at the door and knock.
- If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me.

This is NOT directed to unbelievers.



Is it a mere coincidence that the disciples needed their feet washed before they could have the Passover meal with Jesus?

Consider Matthew 5:23-24

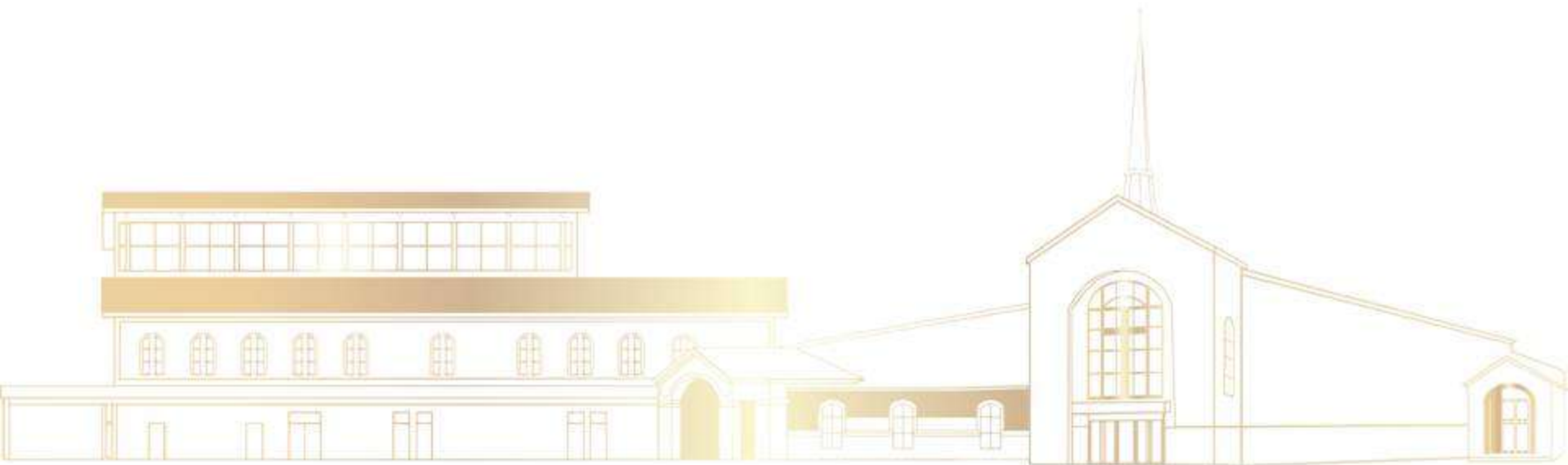
Matthew 5:23-24

- So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, ²⁴ leave your gift there before the altar and go. **First be reconciled to your brother,** and then come and offer your gift.



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How do I get reconciled to God?



- **I confess that I have sinned.**
(1 John 1:9)
- **I seek forgiveness.**
(Matthew 5:12)
- **I strive to not sin again in this particular way.**
(Revelation 3:19)



1 John 1:9

- If we confess our sins,
- he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.



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3. Do not want our prayers hindered.



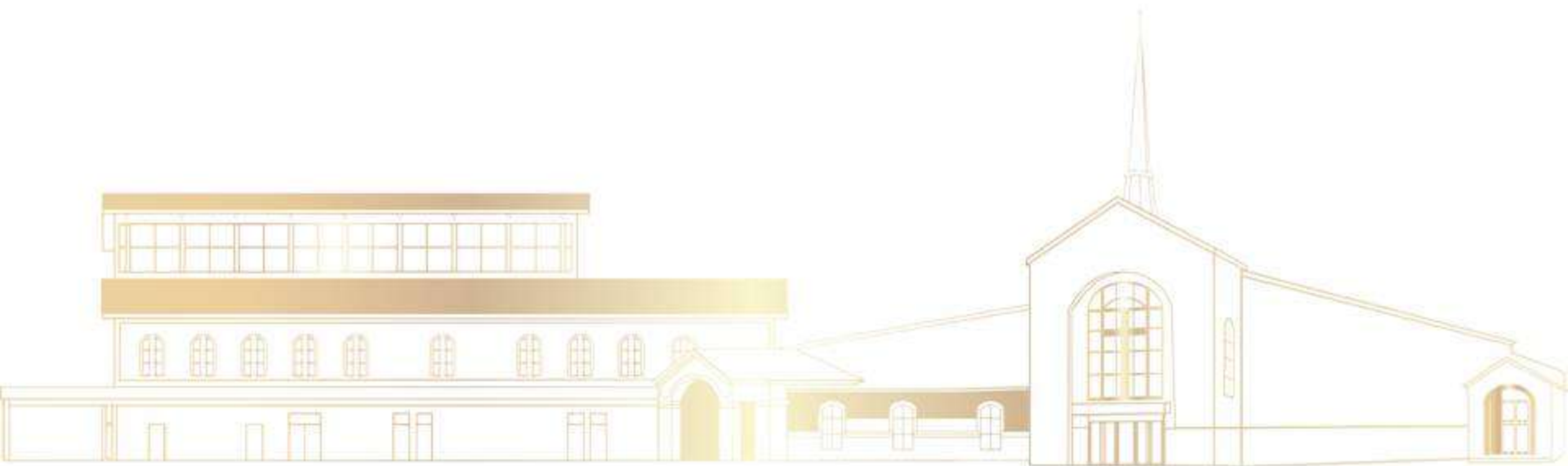
1 Peter 3:7



- Likewise, husbands, live with your wives in an understanding way, showing honor to the woman as the weaker vessel, since they are heirs with you of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered.

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Part II



Matthew 6:12

ESV

- as we also have forgiven our debtors.

NET

- as we ourselves have forgiven our debtors.



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v. 12

**Is this a 2nd petition
or**

Is this a statement of fact?



Luke 11:4

ESV

- for we also forgive everyone who sins against us.

NET

- for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us.



Does the 2nd half of the petition “as we also have forgiven our debtors” show us the absurdity of us withholding forgiveness when God has forgiven us of all our sins?

Is this a reminder of what we do or is it a petition for God’s grace to forgive others?

We forgive, forgive, and forgive when people sin against us.



Remember forgiveness:

- 1) Does NOT mean what you did to me is ok.**
- 2) Does NOT mean you can do it again.**
- 3) Does NOT mean I have forgotten what you did.**
- 4) Does NOT mean I now trust you.**



Forgiveness

Forgiveness is to cease to feel resentment against the offending party. Forgiveness is a decision to not hold something against another person. If you are bitter you have not completely forgiven the offending party.



**Sin creates a chasm between God
and man and man and man.
Forgiveness bridges the chasm.
Human forgiveness brings the
relationship back to what it was
before the offense occurs.**



Genesis 3:8



- And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

Forgiveness

Forgiveness is to cease to feel resentment against the offending party. Forgiveness is a decision to not hold something against another person. If you keep bringing it back up in your relationship you are still holding something against the offending party.



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Example 1

I am robbed at the mall from a complete stranger. To forgive the stranger means that our relationship is restored to what it was prior to the offence. I do not feel bitterness or hatred toward the stranger. My feelings are restored to what we previously had. He is potentially my neighbor and a person made in the image of God for whom Christ died to redeem. If our paths continue to cross I don't allow what happened previously to keep a friendship from developing.



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Example 2

My spouse of 20 years cheats on me. I forgive. She [he] desires to stay married and forsakes his/her sin. I do NOT allow his/her sin of adultery to keep us from having the relationship we had before the sin. I have forgiven her. I have forgiven him.



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Remember

**Forgiveness does NOT
mean I trust you. Trust
will be re-earned.**



On Monday, I give you \$100 to deposit into the bank for my company. Instead of depositing the money you spend it on an extravagant lunch. When the deposit doesn't show up in my bank account. I confront you with the issue and you confess your sin.

While I forgive you for stealing from me that doesn't mean I am going to give you another \$100 the next day.

And it doesn't mean you don't have to pay the money back.

But it could mean that!

It could be that you used the \$100 to pay for medicine for your sick child and I am going to forgive the debt as well.



If the trust cannot be re-earned then there is a question as to whether the offending party has been forgiven.



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Example 3

My best friend betrays me. He doesn't know I know he betrayed me. I forgive him. My decision to forgive him permits us to remain friends. I may be more guarded or careful in the area I was betrayed but our relationship is not severed or diminished.



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**If you keep bringing the
offense up to the
offending party or others,
have you truly forgiven
them?**



Turn to Matthew 18:23-35

