

DEFEATING BITTERNESS – FINDING THE GRACE TO FORGIVE

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14<sup>th</sup> message: **When God is not Seen**

Text: Genesis 50:19, 20

Theme: Forgiveness is the key to defeating the sin of bitterness.

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### **I. You need to hear forgiveness defined/described**

Forgiveness defined: To let go, to set free, to graciously restore, to show someone favor

Key verses: **Isa 38:17; 43:25; 44:22; Jer 33:8; Mic 7:18, 19; Rom 11:27; 1 Cor 6:11**

You often hear as an excuse for not forgiving, **“I just can’t forget what they did to me!” OR “You have to forgive & forget”**

### **II. You need to see forgiveness demonstrated**

**? Have you ever stopped to recognize the sovereignty of God when someone has sinned against you?**

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† You will either hold onto the sin and let go of the person, or you will hold onto the person and let go of the sin  
Are you willing to forgive one that Christ has died for?  
Are you willing to forgive one that Christ has forgiven?

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**Matt 6:14** For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: **15** But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

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