



Proverbs: Forgiving One Another

Confronting sin

1

Examine your own heart for any associated sin and repent
(Mt 7:1-5;
Gal 6:1)

2

Identify the sin biblically
(1 Jn 3:4)

3

Show your brother his sin
(Mt 18:15)

4

Humbly call him to repent and when he does, forgive him
(Lk 17:3)

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Message**

*Forgiving one another
is costly, godly and
gracious*

Confessing your sin

Repent

Repent of your sin against God
(1 Cor 8:12)

Confess

Confess your sin to your brother using biblical words
(Lk 15:21; 17:4)

Ask

Ask their forgiveness

Acknowledge

Acknowledge the hurt you caused them

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I. Forgiveness has a cost

Forgive (*aphiemi*, as in Mt 6:12; 1 Jn 1:9)

- The usual NT word for “forgive”
- “To release from debt”
- “God’s forgiveness is gracious but not free”
(Chris Brauns, *Unpacking Forgiveness*, p. 45)
- Jesus already paid the debt for their sin

Biblical Lament

*All but 5th point from Mark Vroegop,
Dark Clouds, Deep Mercy, Appendix 3*

Turn to God

- Move toward God
- Pray!

Bring your complaint

- Honest and blunt
- Respectful, hopeful, humble

Ask boldly

- According to God's character
- Resolves your complaint

Choose to trust

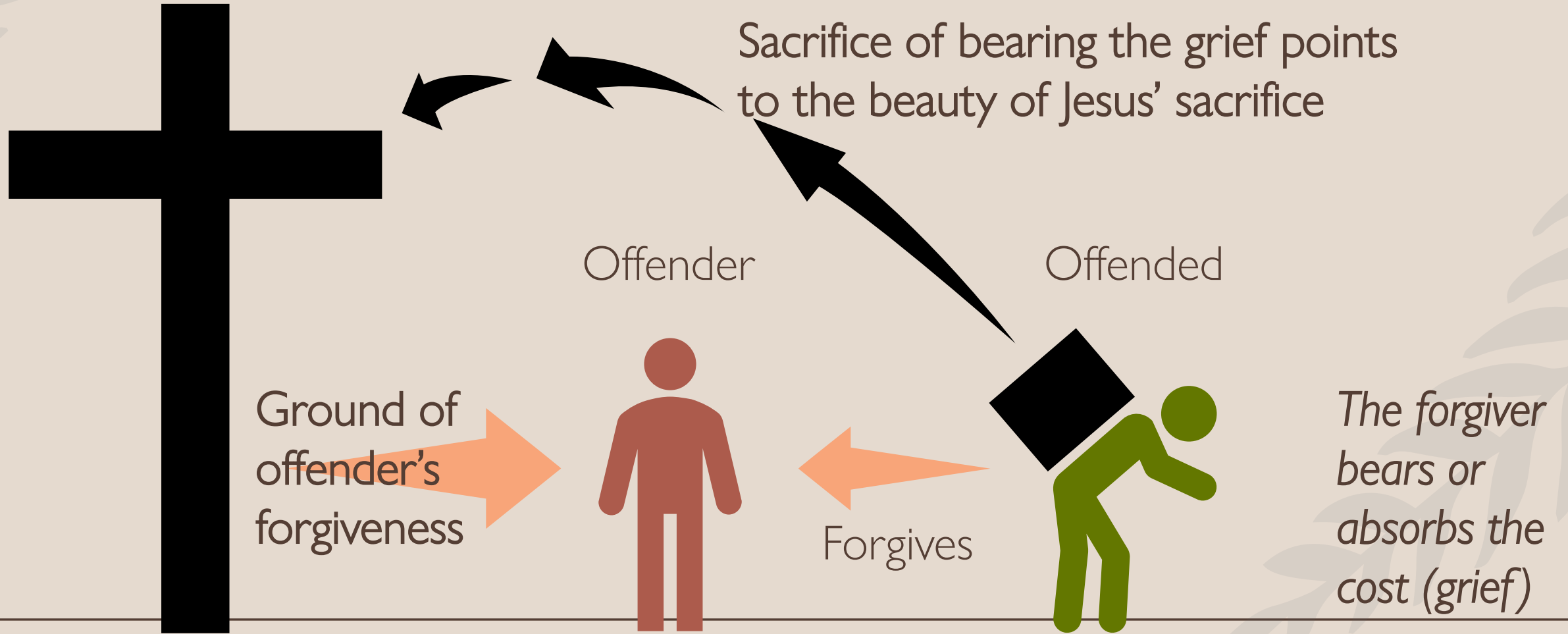
- Affirm God's worthiness
- Commit to trust and praise

Transition into
worship

- Cling to hope in God
- Rejoice in God's goodness (Hab 3:17-19)

“All forgiveness requires a sacrifice”

Darby Strickland, Biblical Counselor



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II. Forgiveness imitates God

Forgiving (and covering) is a four-fold promise

Ken Sande, *The Peacemaker*, p. 209

1. You promise to not hold this sin against them ever again (Eph 4:32; Ps 32:2; Isa 43:25; Jer 31:34)
2. You promise to not dwell on this sin yourself (Ps 51:1-9; 103:12; Isa 1:18; 38:17; 43:25; Mic 7:19)
3. You promise not to tell others about this sin (Prov 11:13; 17:9)
4. You promise to not let the incident stand between the two of you or hinder your relationship going forward

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- I. Forgiveness has a cost
- II. Forgiveness imitates God
- III. Forgiveness gives grace

Col 3:12-17 is a set of ten tightly integrated “Jesus’ kingdom” behaviors that transform how we do everything—including how we forgive

Ten “Jesus’ Kingdom” Behaviors

1. Behave differently because of who you are (12a)
2. Operate out of your new heart (12b)
3. Minister to fellow offenders with Christlike mercy (12c)
4. Continually bear with the offender (13a)
5. Be always ready and eager to forgive (13b)
6. Cover yourself with God’s love (14)
7. See that Jesus’ peace rules all relationships in Jesus’ body (15)
8. Be thankful for all that God has given us (15)
9. Make Jesus’ word your guide for reconciling relationships (16)
10. Keep Jesus at the center of the entire forgiveness process (17)

Jesus’ traits: 1 Pet 2:4; Acts 4:30; Mt 3:17; Col 3:10; Jas 5:11; Rom 2:4; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 11:29; Zech 9:9; 1 Tim 1:16; Mt 17:17; Lk 7:42; Eph 4:32; Eph 3:19; 5:2; Jn 14:27; 1 Cor 11:24; Col 1:5; 2:3; Col 3:17

Patience toward the offender

Such patience “denotes that “longsuffering” which endures wrong and puts up with the exasperating conduct of others rather than flying into a rage or desiring vengeance” (Peter O’Brien, *Colossians*, p. 201)

As you forgive, make sure the “fruit juices of the Spirit” ooze from every pore in your body!



“Forgive” – Col 3:13

This “is not the common word for remission or forgiveness...but one of richer content emphasizing the gracious nature of the pardon” (Peter O’Brien, *Colossians*, p. 202)

Biblical range of forgiving:

- ❖ *aphiemi* forgives by releasing the debt
- ❖ *charizomai* forgives by freely giving grace



**Should I bear the
cost of forgiving
my brother?**



My debt to God
dwarfs my brother's
debt to me!

Stretches
to infinity



The transforming grace of the Gospel

**Maximize
how much
you've been
given**



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