

**...forgiving**

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**JESUS**

OUR GREAT EXAMPLE





“Jesus said, ‘Father, **forgive them**, for they do not know what they are doing.’” *(Luke 23:34a, NIV)*

Forgiveness is  
**THE PATTERN**  
of Jesus

“This is my blood of the covenant,  
which is poured out for many **for the  
forgiveness of sins.**”

*(Matthew 26:28, NIV)*

Forgiveness is  
**THE REASON**  
for Jesus

“But I tell you: Love your enemies and  
pray for those who persecute  
you.” *(Matthew 5:44, NIV)*



Forgiveness is  
**THE PRACTICE**  
for followers of Jesus

“While they were stoning him, Stephen...  
fell on his knees and cried out, ‘Lord, do  
not hold this sin against them.’”

*(Acts 7:59a-60a, NIV)*

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1) **Jesus said to**

“Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, ‘Lord, how many times shall I **forgive** my brother when he sins against me? Up to seven times?’ Jesus answered, ‘I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.’” *(Matthew 18:21-22, NIV)*

## Why should I forgive like Jesus?

1) Jesus said to

**2) I have been forgiven**

**“Be... quick to forgive an offense.  
Forgive as quickly and completely  
as the Master forgave you.”**

*(Colossians 3:13, The Message)*

## Why should I forgive like Jesus?

- 1) Jesus said to
- 2) I have been forgiven
- 3) I need forgiveness**



**“Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors...** For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.” *(Matthew 6:12,14-15, NIV)*

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