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**JESUS**

OUR GREAT EXAMPLE

Forgiveness is  
**THE PATTERN**  
of Jesus

Forgiveness is  
**THE REASON**  
for Jesus

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

**How do I forgive like Jesus?**

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1) **I decide to**

“And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, **forgive** them...” *(Mark 11:25a, NIV)*

Forgiveness  
is not an  
**EMOTION,**  
it's an **ACTION.**



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- **FORGIVENESS** does NOT mean **YOU ARE IMMEDIATELY HEALED**

## How do I forgive like Jesus?

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**2) I pray for the people  
who hurt me**

“But I tell you: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you...”

*(Matthew 5:44, NIV)*

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- 2) I pray for the people who hurt me
- 3) I give my hurt to God**

“When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly.”

*(1 Peter 2:23, NIV)*

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- 4) I ask God to help me**



“If he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times comes back to you and says, ‘I repent,’ **forgive** him.” The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” *(Luke 17:4-5, NIV)*

“...[Jesus] breathed on them and said,  
‘Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive  
anyone his sins, they are forgiven...’”

*(John 20:22-23a, NIV)*

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**“Here’s my chance.”**

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- 2) I pray for the people who hurt me
- 3) I give my hurt to God
- 4) I ask Him to help me
- 5) I think about how God forgave me**

*(See story in Luke 7:36-50...)*

“...he who has been forgiven little loves little.” *(Luke 7:47b, NIV)*



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