



## Love is Forgiving

*"[Love]... thinks no evil" 1 Corinthians 13:5*  
*"[Love]... keeps no record of wrongs" [NIV]*

### WHAT FORGIVENESS IS NOT:

1. It is NOT \_\_\_\_\_
2. It is NOT \_\_\_\_\_ the seriousness of the offense
3. It is NOT \_\_\_\_\_ a relationship without changes.
4. It is NOT \_\_\_\_\_ what happened.
5. It is NOT \_\_\_\_\_ when I wasn't the one who was hurt.

### WHAT GENUINE FORGIVENESS REALLY IS:

*"For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses." Matthew 6:14-15*

#### **1. RELINQUISHING** \_\_\_\_\_

*"Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord." Romans 12:19*

*"Pursue peace with all people...looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled" Hebrews 12:14-15*

Fairness is \_\_\_\_\_, not \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. RESPONDING \_\_\_\_\_

*"But I say to you who hear: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, and pray for those who spitefully use you." Luke 6:27-28*

Feeling sorry for myself doesn't \_\_\_\_\_

## 3. REPEATING THE PROCESS \_\_\_\_\_

*"Then Peter came to Him and said, "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Up to seven times?" Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven." Matthew 18:21-22*

Forgiveness needed as long as relationships \_\_\_\_\_

### THE SECRET OF FORGIVENESS:

REMEMBER \_\_\_\_\_

*"And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you." Ephesians 4:32*

