

The Pardon Test

Key Thought

Jesus bore our sins and lifted them off us. Because God has forgiven us, once and forever, we must also forgive others in the same way He forgave us. ***Unforgiveness in your heart means that the offended has become the offender.***

Key Scriptures

Psalm 103:12

As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us.

Romans 12:19

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

2 Corinthians 5:21

For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

Discussion

1. How do you think Joseph's brothers felt when they were brought into Joseph's presence? What would have happened if Joseph had not been able to show forgiveness to them?
2. Should we forgive others even if they have not apologized or asked for forgiveness? Why is it important to release someone as well as forgive them?
3. How does God see you now that you have believed and been cleansed by the blood of Jesus?
4. Identify someone in your life whom you have not completely forgiven or released from their offense to you. What can you do to forgive and release that person, even if they are no longer alive?