

No Offense Part 5

When Forgiveness Seems Impossible

TALK IT OVER

Key Scriptures

For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Colossians 1:13-14 NIV

"Therefore the kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. And when he had begun to settle accounts, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. But as he was not able to pay, his master commanded that he be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and that payment be made. The servant therefore fell down before him, saying, 'Master, have patience with me, and I will pay you all.' Then the master of that servant was moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him the debt. But that servant went out and found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and he laid hands on him and took him by the throat, saying, 'Pay me what you owe!' So his fellow servant fell down at his feet and begged him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you all.' And he would not, but went and threw him into prison till he should pay the debt." Matthew 18:23-30 NKJV

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us. 1 John 1:9-10 NKJV

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Start talking. Find a conversation starter for your group.

- Have you ever been rescued from danger? If so, share about it.

Start thinking. Ask a question to get your group thinking.

- Which part of this message was most impactful for you and why?
- How easy or difficult is it for you to forgive? Why do you think that is?
- Read **Colossians 1:13-14**. How does this Scripture impact your perspective of forgiveness?

Start sharing. Choose a question to create openness.

- Have you ever seen pride kill forgiveness? What did you learn through that experience?
- Power and peace are unleashed through forgiveness. Talk about a circumstance or relationship that could use the power of forgiveness. How do you think forgiving will impact other areas of your life?

Start praying. Be bold and pray with power.

Father, we know You've rescued us from darkness. Help us extend forgiveness to those around us because You've forgiven the worst in us. Unleash Your power and goodness as we forgive, even when it seems impossible. In Jesus' name, amen.

Start doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week.

- [Find peace this week by extending forgiveness to a person or situation. Lean into your LifeGroup for support during this time.](#)
- Start the *No Offense* Bible Plan using Plans With Friends: www.go2.lc/nooffense
- Consider how you could love others by serving on the weekend or with a Local Mission Partner.