

Title: Forgive Us...
Text: Matthew 6:12

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Walk-in: In turning to this portion of the Lord's Prayer we encounter a real sticking point for many people. Some people wrestle with the issue of forgiving people for things that have been done to them or things that weren't done for them. So linking the earthly forgiveness issue with the way the Father would forgive us poses a huge issue. So let's explore the teaching and find application for us.

First, I want you to observe the most important W of this verse: A

There are 4 basic responses to the issue of forgiveness:

1. I W_____.
2. I C_____.
3. I don't W_____ to.
4. I W_____.

Then, I want you to observe the additional N

"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. - MT 6:14,15

This is the only portion of the Lord's prayer having addition instruction. This emphasizes it's I_____.

Further, I would remind you of the other teaching of Jesus on this issue.
MT 18:21-35

Forgiveness always B_____ with God.

He is the S_____ of forgiveness.

The B_____ of Christ is the G_____ of forgiveness.

A R_____ heart is always the C_____ of forgiveness.

A forgiving spirit is always the E_____ of forgiveness.

The R_____ of sin and the R_____ of fellowship is always the R_____ of forgiveness.

Finally, let me offer a few reminders to you:

1. You are never C_____ to the grace of Christ than when you C_____ your sins to him.
2. You are never more L_____ Jesus than when you F_____ those who have sinned against you.
3. You will never fully enter your F_____ in Christ until you L_____ the freedom of forgiveness.

Wrap-up: True repentance always starts with a change of mind that leads to a change of heart that leads to a change in the way we view those who have sinned against us. Be open to the changes God wants to make in you today. Then enter your new freedom!