

Choose Forgiveness, Choose Greatness

Part four of the series, "Made for Greatness"

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Genesis 50:15–21 ESV

Offenses - inevitable and impactful.

(Matthew 18:7 NKJV)

Forgiveness - defined and demanded.

- What it means to forgive:
 - Forgiveness is not the same as reconciliation.
 - Forgiveness is not the same as trust.
 - Forgiving is not the same as forgetting.
 - Forgiveness is not based on the behavior of the offender.
 - Forgiveness is not minimizing the offense or the pain caused.
(Genesis 50:20 ESV)
- Forgiveness is choosing to see someone through Christ's Cross, rather than your pain.
 - Why we should forgive:
(Hebrews 12:15 and Matthew 6:14-15 ESV)

Who to forgive:

- Ourselves. *(1 John 1:9 and Romans 8:1-2 ESV)*
- Others. *(Luke 6:27-28 ESV)*

How to forgive:

- Give up the right to revenge.
(Genesis 50:19 ESV, Romans 12:19 ESV, Hebrews 8:12 ESV, and 1 Corinthians 13:4-5 NLT)
- Choose to bless and be nice. *(See Genesis 50:20-21 ESV)*
- Begin every day by choosing to be forgiving. *(Colossians 3:12-13 NLT)*
- End every day with a clean slate. *(Ephesians 4:26-27 and Ecclesiastes 7:9 ESV)*

Forgiveness and greatness.

(Genesis 45:8, Mark 10:42-45, Ephesians 4:32, and 2 Corinthians 5:18-20 ESV)