

Tribe of Simeon

“Arise, Shine, Simeon — Come Forth As a Treasured Earthen Vessel, Ready to Do Battle For the Lord of Hosts!”



“Developing Godly Relationships”

How to Forgive

In last month's issue we discussed the topic of “when you are the one who has wronged another”. This month we are completing our series on Developing Godly Relationships with “Forgiveness”.

Colossians 3:13—Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. (NIV)

.....So What does the Bible Say About Forgiveness.....

It is not uncommon for Christians to have questions about forgiveness. Forgiveness does not come easy for most of us. Our natural instinct is to recoil in self-protection when we've been injured. We don't naturally overflow with mercy, grace and forgiveness when we've been wronged.

Is forgiveness a conscious choice, a physical act involving the will, or is it a feeling, an emotional state of being? The Bible offers insight and answers to these and many more common questions about forgiveness. We'll take a look at the most common questions and find out what the Bible says about forgiveness.

Is forgiveness a conscious choice, or an emotional state?

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Next Month

The Fullness of Joy

"For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you"
Matthew 6:14

School is back in session and our prayers go out to parents, students, and teachers. A Godly education is essential for the foundation of our children and for the future of the “family”. We pray for the presence of the Holy Spirit and for an Abundance of God's Blessings over each child, family, teachers and administrators.

Tom and Linda Lasater

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I believe forgiveness is a choice we make through a decision of our will, motivated by obedience to God and his command to forgive.

The Bible instructs us to forgive as the Lord forgave us:

How do we forgive when we don't feel like it? How do we translate the decision to forgive into a change of heart?

We forgive by faith, out of obedience. Since forgiveness goes against our nature, we must forgive by faith, whether we feel like it or not. We must trust God to do the work in us that needs to be done so that the forgiveness will be complete.

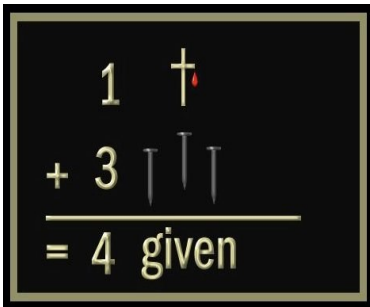
I believe God honors our commitment to obey Him and our desire to please him when we choose to forgive. He completes the work in his time. We must continue to forgive (our job), by faith, until the work of forgiveness (the Lord's job), is done in our hearts.

Philippians 1:6 And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns. (NLT)

How will we know if we have truly forgiven?

Corrie Ten Boom, a Christian woman who survived a Nazi concentration camp during the Holocaust, said, "Forgiveness is to set a prisoner free, and to realize the prisoner was you."

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Prayer of Salvation

Heavenly Father, in Jesus' name I repent of my sins and open my heart to let Jesus come inside of me.

Jesus, You are my Lord and Savior. I believe you died for my sins and you were raised from the dead.

Fill me with your Holy Spirit. Thank You Father for saving me in Jesus' name. Amen

The Results of Spending Time With God

What are the results of spending time with God?

Spending time with God will have an obvious effect on our lives. We will begin to notice some positive changes taking place. These changes will not happen overnight, but as we spend time with God, several results will become evident as time passes.

We Will Become More Forgiving

It's impossible to spend time with God and not become more forgiving. Since we have experienced the forgiveness of God in our lives, He enables us to forgive others. In **Luke 11:4**, Jesus taught His disciples to pray, "Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us." We are to forgive as the Lord forgave us. We have been forgiven much, so, in turn, we forgive much.

Do You Have a Personal Relationship with Jesus ?

"Forgiveness always seems so easy, when we need it, and so hard when we need to give it." --Fresh Start Devotionals

Simeonites

Our **Friday Night Simeon Dinner** is scheduled for September 16 (3rd Friday). It's a great time for fun, fellowship, and a tasty covered dish meal.

We are having a movie night and are scheduled to show the movie **"The Grace Card"**. It's a fantastic movie about extending God's Grace in difficult circumstances. *****

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We will know the work of forgiveness is complete when we experience the freedom that comes as a result. We are the ones who suffer most when we choose not to forgive. When we do forgive, the Lord sets our hearts free from the anger, bitterness, resentment and hurt that previously imprisoned us.

Most times, however, forgiveness is a slow process.

Matthew 18:21-22 Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother when he sins against me? Up to seven times?" Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.

Simeon
Men's Meeting
Monday Nights
7 pm –8 pm
at the Church
Fellowship & Bible Study

Call Tom Lasater
391-1762
Learn and Grow

Is it okay to feel anger and want justice for the person we need to forgive?

This question presents another reason to pray for the person we need to forgive. We can pray for God to deal with the injustices, for God to judge the person's life, and then we can leave that prayer at the altar. We no longer have to carry the anger. Although it is normal for us to feel anger toward sin and injustice, it is not our job to judge the other person in their sin.

Luke 6:37 Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. (NIV)

Why must we forgive?

The best reason to forgive is because Jesus commanded us to forgive. We learn from Scripture, if we don't forgive, neither will we be forgiven:

Matthew 6:14-16 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. (NIV) We also forgive so that our prayers will not be hindered:

Mark 11:25 And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive him, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins. (NIV) In summary and in closing, we forgive out of obedience to the Lord. It is a choice, a decision we make. However, as we do this "forgiving," we discover the command is in place for our own good, and we receive the reward of our forgiveness—freedom.

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Psalm 147:3

He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. (NIV)

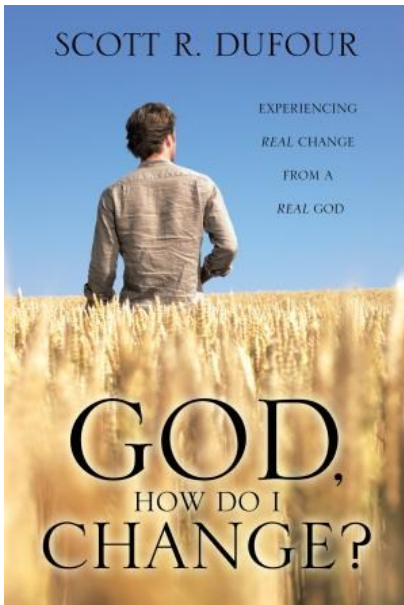
Many who have been hurt, need time for wounds to heal. Pray for healing. God is the greatest Healer of all and there is nothing too great that He cannot give you. When your struggle seems overwhelming, humble yourself before God and ask for His grace to give you the emotional freedom you desire.

**Be
Healed**



**Got
Joy**

Holding on to anger,
resentment and hurt
only gives you
tense muscles, a
headache and a
sore jaw from
clenching your teeth.
Forgiveness gives you
back the laughter
and the joy
in your life.



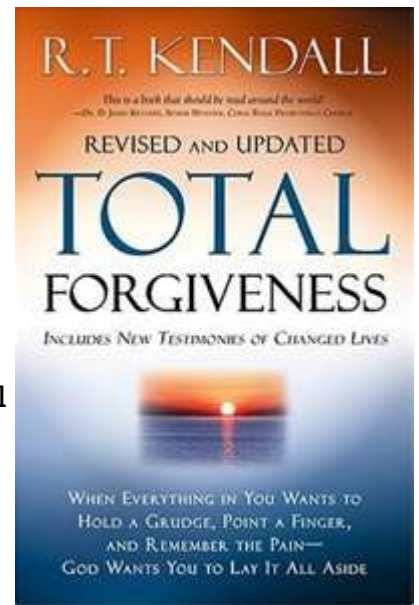
Book Review

To the Left:

Get to the Root of Your problems
 Repentance-Transformation &
 Change

To the right:

Uncover physical, emotional, and spiritual consequences of unforgiveness and see why God adamantly encourages you to forgive others.



I read both books this summer and found them both to be **spiritually encouraging** and straight **to the point** in the areas of root causes and the necessity to change and learning how to experience total forgiveness and an abundance of blessings. By: Alison Adams

SIMEON / CHURCH - UPCOMING EVENTS

September 2011

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| September 1 | Emerge-Kari Jobe in Concert 7:30 pm |
| September 3 | Singles with Purpose BBQ on the Grounds 5:00 pm |
| September 11 | Sunday Evening -Fall Concert Showcase 6:30 pm |
| September 12 | Women of Wisdom Lunch |
| September 13 | Joshua Generation Dinner & Prayer Service |
| September 14 | Parenting Class 7:00 pm |
| September 16 | <u>Friday Night Simeon Pot Luck and a Movie 6:30 pm</u> |
| September 17 | Single Super Seniors Picnic in the Park |
| September 19 | Guys Night Out 6:30 pm & Marriage Intimacy 7:00 pm |
| September 20 | Singles with Purpose Dinner/Fellowship 7:00 pm |
| September 26 | Women of Wisdom Luncheon |
| September 30 | Midnight Prayer – Chapel- Last Friday Every Month 11:55 pm |
| Each Wednesday | Ladies Bible Study 9:00 am & Impact Game Night 6:30 pm |
| Each Thursday | Emerge 7:00 pm |