

The Two Sides of Forgiveness: Part 2

2 Samuel 12:13-20, Psalm 51

Reconciliation only takes place when forgiveness is offered and received.

How to receive forgiveness:

- 1) Acknowledge the fullness of our sin. (Psalm 51:1-4)
- 2) Accept the consequences of our sin.(2 Samuel 12:22-23)
- 3) <u>Believe</u> the <u>forgiveness</u> offered by God. (Psalm 51:6-12)
- 4) <u>Seek</u> the <u>redemption</u> available through God. (Psalm 51:13-15)

Memory Verses

2 Timothy 2:21 ... "Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from what is dishonorable, he will be a vessel for honorable use, set apart as holy, useful to the master of the house, ready for every good work."

1 Peter 2:9–12 ... "But you are a chosen race, a royal priest-hood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation."

Scripture to Pray

"If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 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 we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us."

1 John 1:8-10

Live the Word

- 1) Which of the four areas am I most likely to get hung up on when receiving forgiveness? Why?
- 2) Do I believe God has forgiven me or do I continue to carry around the burden of guilt and shame? (John 8:34-36)