

How to Talk to God: Forgive Us as We Forgive

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1. Read Matthew 6:9-15. Have you begun to pray according to Jesus' model? How have your prayers been affected as a result of this series?
2. Why does it matter that God created us to live in community with Him and with others? Are you pursuing community in your daily choices?
3. Which barrier to community is the greater struggle for you: guilt or resentment?
4. Have you received God's forgiveness for your sins? How have you experienced the difference between judicial and relational forgiveness in your relationship with God?
5. Read Revelation 20:11-15. Is your name written in the Lamb's book of life? Why does this matter?
6. What difference does it make that God has paid our sin debt rather than simply ignored it?
7. Read Colossians 2:13-14 and Jeremiah 31:34. Do you believe that receiving Jesus has forgiven your sins: past, present, and future? How does believing this impact your interaction with God?
8. In what ways have you experienced the negative impact of sin on your relationship with God, even though these sins have already been paid for judicially?
9. Read John 13:5-10. Why is it important for us to regularly confess our sins?
10. Read I John 1:9 and Nehemiah 9:17. What sins are you carrying guilt for right now? Why do you think we wallow in our guilt at times and hesitate to ask for forgiveness?
11. Who has hurt you most in life? Have you allowed God to heal that hurt or have you let it turn to hate?
12. Read Colossians 3:13. How has resentment made you miserable? Who do you need to forgive today?
13. What difference can it make when we choose to forgive others in advance? How would this choice affect your everyday interactions: at work, at home, on the road?