

Love Forgives (Part 2)
(I Corinthians 13:5)

Being Hurt, Wronged Is Not a Choice, But How I Respond to It Is

- What will I do with the offender?
- Will I empower and multiply evil? - Prov 14:12
 - ...outwardly: retaliation - Ro 12:17
 - ...inwardly: bitterness/resentfulness - Eph 4:26,31
- Will I overcome the evil with good? - Ro 12:21
 - ...grant the gift of forgiveness? - Eph 4:32

Forgiveness Is a Willingness to...

- ...Become aware of our own imperfections - Phil 3:12
 - forgiveness is better than fairness
- ...Not live in the past - Phil 3:13
 - Biblical "forgetting" is not erasure, but choosing not to record the offense as a debt
 - The truth of God's story liberates us from being shaped by our story of the event - Jo 8:32
- ...Move on into God's future - Phil 3:13-14
 - We choose to live in the redemption of God - Gen 50:20;Ro 8:28;II Cor 2:14
 - We contribute to conditions for peace - Ro 12:18