

Edward Christian Church

Spiritual Warfare Pt 8

Our Adversary

Ephesians 6:10-12

ARE YOU READY FOR BATTLE?

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Occupy Til I Come

"Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?
Here I am Lord, Send Me!" -- Isaiah 6:8

Occupy

-Does Not Mean

⌘ *Take Up Space*

-It Does Mean –

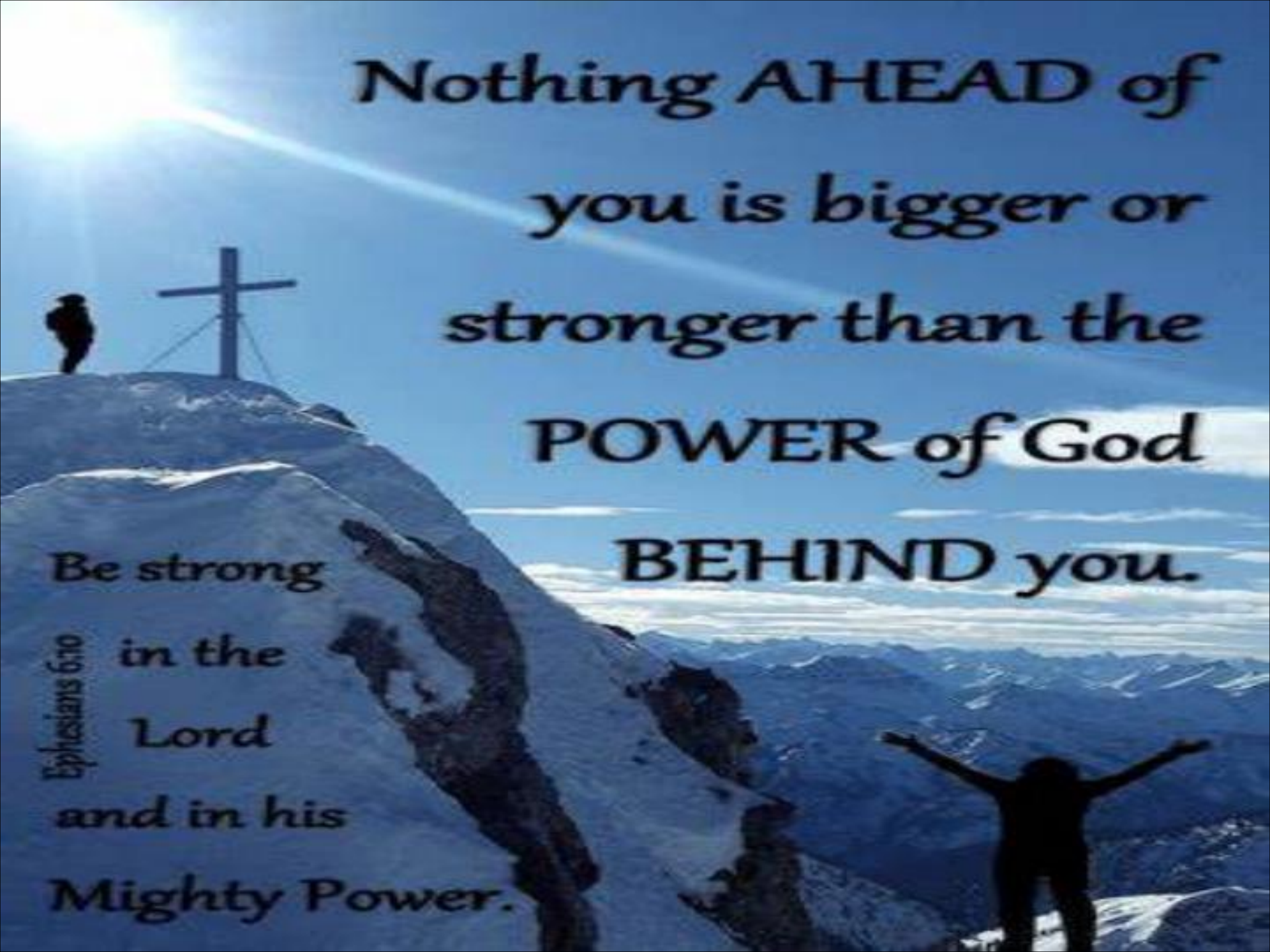
⌘ *Take a Stance*

⌘ *Be Productive*

⌘ *Take Back Lost ...*

*...Ground /
Property*



A person is standing on a snow-covered mountain peak. In the background, a large cross is visible against a bright blue sky with a sunburst effect. The person's arms are raised in a gesture of triumph or prayer.

Nothing AHEAD of
you is bigger or
stronger than the
POWER of God
BEHIND you.

Be strong
in the
Lord
and in his
Mighty Power.

Ephesians 6:10

Recognize the Battle

...AHEAD of
you is bigger or
stronger than the

Warning

- **Be** (*now-constant*)
- **Strong** (*infused w- inner ability*)
- **In the Lord** (*found one place*)
- **Power** (*overwhelming – irresistible*)
- **Might** (*strong arm*)

A person wearing a bright red robe and a tall, pointed red hat stands centrally in the frame. The figure is positioned in front of a dark, multi-story building with several windows. The entire scene is overlaid with a heavy rain effect, with numerous white streaks representing falling rain. The overall mood is dark and ominous.

AT THE DEVIL'S
DOOR

Last Supper

14 Present

Jesus and His Disciples and...

..Satan

He was Looking for a Way to Get to Jesus

A Doorway = an Entry Point in His Life...

...to Affect His Life

He Found None –John 14:30

*Hereafter I will not talk much w- you: for the prince of this world cometh, and ***hath nothing in me.****

Every Door was Shut!

Last Supper

**Jesus Lived a Life that Kept the Door Closed
So Satan looked for Someone Close...
...to Get to Him**

“Disciples”

There was a Dispute...

- **Among them**
- **Within them**

These Disputes...

...Produced Doors

...Entry Points for Satanic Activity

Door #1- Fear



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How Do I Close the Door?

Realize...

- ☐ **Fear is From Satan**
- ☐ **Fear is a Choice**
- ☐ **I DO NOT have to Accept IT!**

Choose...

Faith in God /

His Ability to Handle...

my Past, Present, Future

my Problems, my Giants

PRIDE OPENS HELL'S DOOR

REVELATION 15 & 16



REVELATION
A STORY IN 30 DAYS



THROUGH
THE BIBLE

AN OTTOMAN FILM PRODUCTION

Eph 4:27 –No Place for Devil (No Door)

Door = Opportunity

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#2- Pride

“Inflated Self-Interest”



REVELATION 15 & 16

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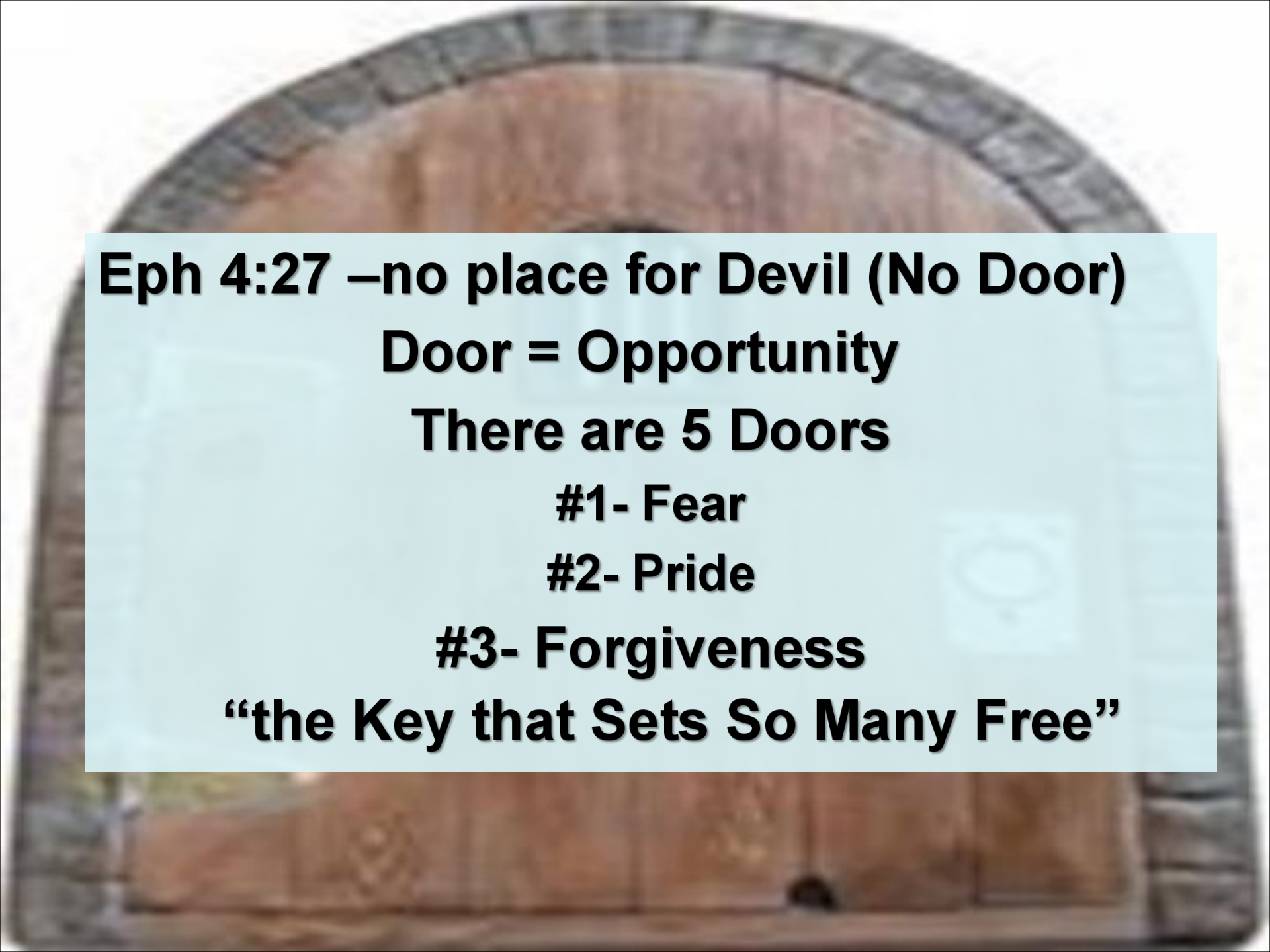


**THE STRONGEST PEOPLE
MAKE TIME TO HELP OTHERS,
EVEN WHEN THEY ARE
STRUGGLING THEMSELVES.**

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Four Key Questions

- ☐ **Am I in Competition w- Others**
 - **Can I listen to opinion of others ?**
 - **Without attacking them?**
 - **Believing my opinion is the only one?**
- ☐ **Do I Feel Self-Sufficient**
- ☐ **Do I Struggle w- Self Image**
- ☐ **Do I Choose Friends for..**
 - ✧ **Appearance**
 - ✧ **Position**
 - ✧ **Performance**



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#3- Forgiveness

“the Key that Sets So Many Free”

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Matthew 6:14-15 KJB

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NO ☐

YES ☒

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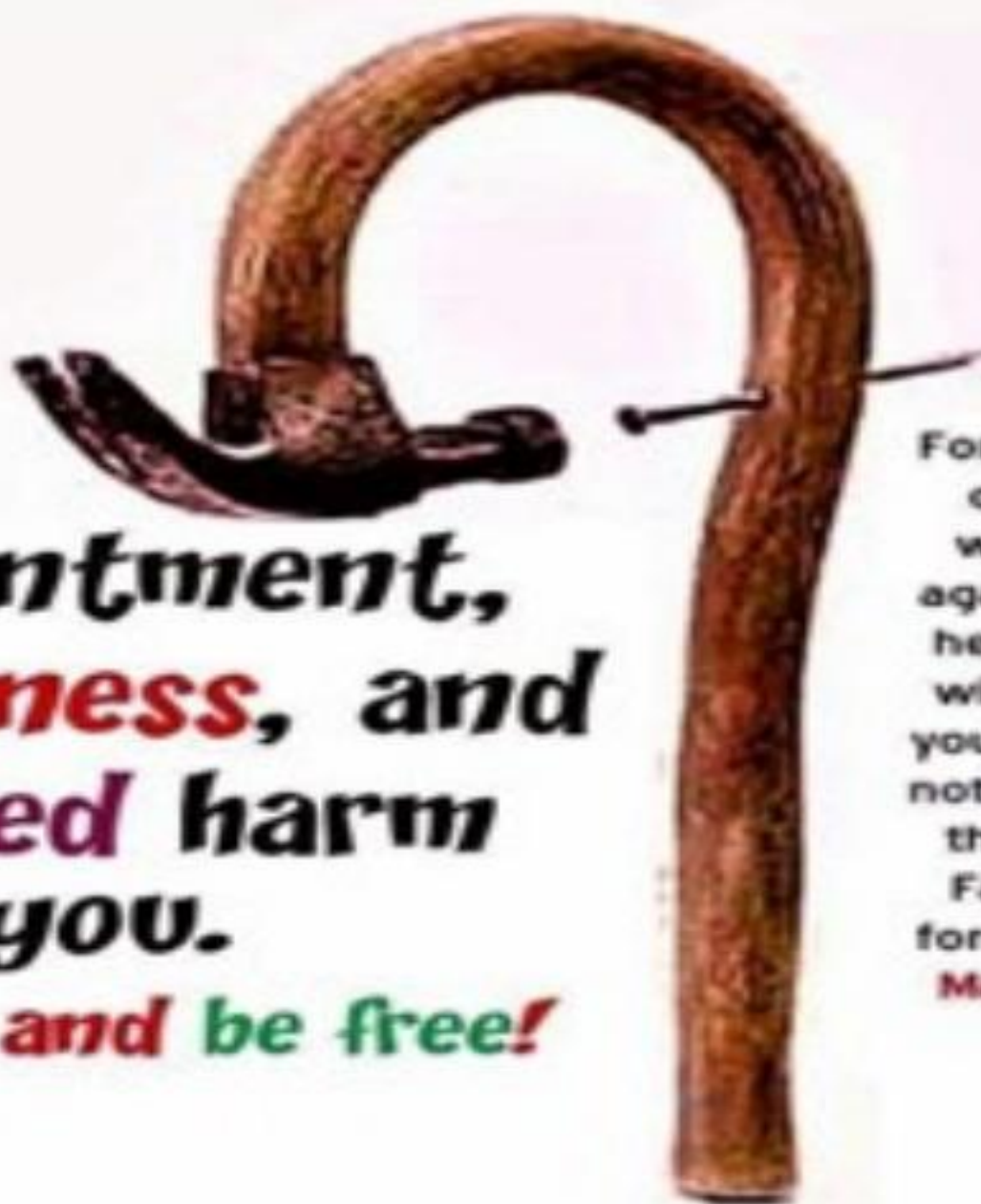
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**It Starts as Subtle as Whisper
Then it Explodes into Our Lives Like a...**

Tidal Wave

**It Locks us Down...
Knocks us Out of Spiritual Balance
Although it Starts with One...
...It Affects Every Relationship!!**



**Resentment,
bitterness, and
hatred harm
you.**

Forgive and be free!

For if you forgive
other people
when they sin
against you, your
heavenly Father
will also forgive
you. But if you do
not forgive others
their sins, your
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Matthew 6:14-15

Why Forgive?

Matthew 18:21-35

☐ Unforgiveness Binds (22)

- ⌘ *Sin –Command –State of Spt Revolt*
- ⌘ **Matt 6:12**, “*Forgive debts as we forgive*”

☐ Unforgiveness Blinds (31)

- ⌘ *Hinders our Relationship w- God / Others*
- ⌘ **Matt 6:15**, “*if not forgive, he will not forgive*”

☐ Unforgiveness Grinds (34)

- ⌘ *Torment*

What Forgiveness is Not

DO NOT SEEK
REVENGE

OR BEAR A GRUDGE
AGAINST ANYONE AMONG YOUR PEOPLE, BUT

**LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR
AS YOURSELF.**

LEVITICUS 19:18

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☐ Not Denying the Offense

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☐ Forgiveness Doesn't Mean Things Go Back to the Way They Were Before

⌘ *It Doesn't Always Lead to Reconciliation*

⌘ *But It Does Open the Door For It*

What Forgiveness Is

COLOSSIANS 3:13-14

BEAR WITH EACH OTHER AND
FORGIVE ONE ANOTHER.

IF ANY OF YOU HAS A
GRIEVANCE AGAINST SOMEONE
FORGIVE AS THE LORD
FORGAVE YOU.

AND OVER ALL THESE VIRTUES
PUT ON LOVE
WHICH BINDS THEM
ALL TOGETHER
IN PERFECT UNITY

What Forgiveness Is

Closing the Door

☐ To Forgive means to “**Release**”

*"to forgive" = "to let go" and
"to cancel a debt".*

☐ It is an Act of the Will

☐ Forgiveness is a 2 Step Process

a- Immediate -*decision*

b- On-Going -*process*

☐ It is Truly Modeling Christ

☐ It Works Beyond Reconciliation

BE RECONCILED

All things are
of GOD
Who hath
reconciled us
to Himself by
Jesus Christ
and hath
given to us
Ministry of
Reconciliation

2 Corinthians 5:18

Forgiveness vs Reconciliation

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❑ Forgiveness is Unconditional, Regardless of
Lack of Repentance

⌘ *Reconciliation is conditional based on...
...Repentance and Change of Behavior*

Reconciliation

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Forgiveness

simply means loving someone enough
to **pursue healing** instead of punishment
when they have wronged you.

-Dave Willis

Setbacks to Forgiveness

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❑ Fear

“What If”

∞ They Do Not Acknowledge

∞ They Do Not Change

❑ Pride

“Why”

- They Don't Deserve Release
- They Do Deserve Pain

FORGIVENESS
IS THE BEST FORM OF
love
IT TAKES A
STRONG PERSON
TO SAY
❖ **SORRY** ❖
AND AN EVEN
STRONGER PERSON
TO
forgive



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Ephesians 4:26-27 (KJV)

Be ye angry, /sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath: ...give place to devil.

Battle –all become *angry*

Bottled –sun go down **wrath**(rage> *bitterness*)

Blown Out –Place to **Devil**(diablos-accuser)



FORGIVE
YOURSELF
FOR NOT
KNOWING
WHAT YOU
DIDN'T KNOW
BEFORE YOU
LEARNED IT.

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Bitterness leads to Depression

- **Depression (*Anger Turned Inward*)**

It Imprisons You!

Forgiveness = Release

It's Not for the Offender- but for You

Not Based on their Actions...

...but Your Attitude

It Sets You Free!

you don't forgive people
because you're **weak**.
you forgive them
because you're **strong**
enough to know that
people make **mistakes**.

you don't forgive people

“Whoever opts for revenge should dig two graves.” (Chinese proverb)

“Not forgiving someone is like drinking rat poison and then waiting for the rat to die.”

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Forgiveness

RECONCILIATION
in *Christ*



Forgiveness

**Unforgiveness Builds a Wall
Forgiveness Builds a Bridge
Changes Our Status from...
Victim to Victor**

**We Serve a Merciful and Gracious God
He Expects the Same from Us!**

DEAR GOD

IF I HURT OTHERS

**GIVE ME THE STRENGTH
TO APPOLOGIZE.**

IF PEOPLE HURT ME

**GIVE ME THE STRENGTH
TO FORGIVE.**

- **"Lord of Grace, If I hold in my heart the pain caused by others, and I'll find it hard to forgive. Pour Your grace into my heart, and allow me to let go of bitterness. Help me to forgive as freely as You have forgiven me, knowing that in forgiveness lies the path to true peace."**
- **"Lord, please help me to forgive those who have hurt me and have sinned against me. Through the power of your Holy Spirit, I can choose to live free of bitterness and anger over what others have done to me. Help me to release them into your hands, and heal the wounds of my heart."**

TO FORGIVE.

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Shut the Door!

It's Cold Out There!

Forgive!!!