

PEACEMAKERS

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THE KEY INGREDIENT TO PEACE

God blesses those who work for peace, for they will be called the children of God. Matthew 5:9 (NLT)

THE KEY INGREDIENT TO TRUE PEACE: FORGIVENESS

*...“Father forgive them for they do not know what they **are doing.**”...
Luke 23:34 (NLT)*

HOW TO DROP FORGIVENESS ON MY WORLD:

A. Understand the “why”.

Four reasons for choosing forgiveness:

1. God has forgiven me!

Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others. Colossians 3:13 (NLT)

2. Forgiving others keeps my relationship with God whole, healthy, honest, and good!

“So if you are presenting a sacrifice at the altar in the Temple and you suddenly remember that someone has something against you, leave your sacrifice there at the altar. Go and be reconciled to that person. Then come and offer your sacrifice to God. Matthew 5:23-24 (NLT)

3. Forgiving others sets me free from the pain of the past.

Get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words, and slander, as well as all types of evil behavior. Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you. Ephesians 4:31-32. (NLT)

Jesus says, “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 Father will not forgive your sins.” **Matt. 6:14-15 (NIV)**

4. Forgiving others sets them free from the pain of their past.

B. To truly forgive someone we must understand what forgiveness is and what it isn't.

...“Father, forgive them for they do not know what they **are doing**.”...
Luke 23:34 (NIV)

- Forgiveness is not denying an offense happened.
- Forgiveness is not ignoring the pain.
- Forgiveness is not denying that there should be (and will be) consequences.
- True forgiveness is “letting it go” into God’s hands.

For I (Jesus Christ) will be merciful toward their iniquities, and I will remember their sins no more.” Hebrews 8:12 (ESV)

C. Choose to forgive, and trust God with the outcome.

So humble yourselves under the mighty power of God, and at the right time he will lift you up in honor. Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you. 1 Peter 5:6-7 (NLT)

Going deeper on your own: This week find a quarter-sized rock and hold it in one hand throughout the evening, from 6:30PM to 9:30PM, as you carry out your typical schedule (dining, doing house chores, watching TV, going to sporting events, etc.). Keep the rock with you throughout the evening, never putting it down, while still using your hands. At the end of the night, read 1 Peter 5:6-8. If that rock were representing any hurt, pain, or anger of the past, how is it hindering your life today? What will you do with it? Choose wisely and live.