

Forgiveness - The Key to Freedom

Forgiveness is vital to deliverance and freedom. *During your upcoming SOZO, it is important that you prepare your heart to forgive those who have wronged you.*

Take a few moments to reflect on the following scriptures:

Matthew 6:14 New American Standard Bible

¹⁴ For if you forgive others for their transgressions, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.

Luke 6:37 New American Bible (Revised Edition)

³⁷ “Stop judging and you will not be judged. Stop condemning and you will not be condemned. Forgive and you will be forgiven.

Forgiveness is Not:

Doesn't mean forgetting

Doesn't make them right and you wrong

Doesn't mean you must like them or be friends with them.

Doesn't mean I can't feel sad or angry about what happened to me.

Forgiveness is a choice, a decision of your will, not a feeling.

Unforgiveness in your heart:

Hurts you, not the one who harmed you

Binds you in a prison of torment (Matthew 18 story)

Has an effect on you, anger, hatred, bitterness

Blocks the fullness of God in your life.

Extending forgiveness does the following:

You get to step out of the way and let God take care of what needs to be done

You are relieved of the burden you have been carrying

It frees you from a prison of torment

It closes a door which has allowed the enemy to have access to you

Giving and receiving forgiveness is partnering with God's love!