



THE OPEN BOOK ON FORGIVENESS

The Open Book on Forgiveness, Pt. 1 [April 10/11 Notes]

John 20:22-23 (NKJV)

1. *Forgive*: To send forth, to get it out, or to release.
2. *Retain*: To seize.

II Corinthians 5:17-20 (NLT)

John 20:22-23 (NKJV)

3. To forgive brings freedom to you.
4. To retain seizes you inside and in your emotions.
5. Bitterness or revenge never brings closure.
6. There comes a point at which anger is no longer just an emotion; it's a driving force.

Hebrews 12:14-15 (NLT)

7. Forgiveness has very little to do with the other person. It's a decision you make.
8. To forgive is like expelling carbon dioxide from your body because you know that holding on to it will only hurt you.
9. Bitterness darkens our world and smothers our joy.

Colossians 3:13-14 (NLT)

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10. Most times when we make wrong choices we do not realize how those choices affect other people.

Receive God's forgiveness.

Psalm 103:1-5, 12 (NLT)

Colossians 1:13-14 (NLT)

11. Receiving God's forgiveness empowers us to forgive others.

12. Build an attitude of extending grace to others.

Colossians 3:13 (NLT)

13. Ask God to forgive you if you have hurt someone.

Matthew 5:23-24 (NLT)

14. Choose to forgive as Christ forgave you.

Ephesians 4:31-32 (NLT)

Weekly Bible Reading

[April 11-17]

This week, be intentional to continue your Bible reading. Consider reading along with Pastor Sam....

- **Sunday** Psalm 101, Proverbs 11, Matthew 12 Acts 11, James 1
- **Monday** Psalm 102, Proverbs 12, Matthew 13, Acts 12, James 2
- **Tuesday** Psalm 103, Proverbs 13, Matthew 14, Acts 13, James 3
- **Wednesday** Psalm 104, Proverbs 14, Matthew 15, Acts 14, James 4
- **Thursday** Psalm 105, Proverbs 15, Matthew 16, Acts 15, James 5
- **Friday** Psalm 106, Proverbs 16, Matthew 17, Acts 16, 1 Peter 1
- **Saturday** Psalm 107, Proverbs 17, Matthew 18, Acts 17, 1 Peter 2