

(Topics and Lead-in Below)

The Joy of Forgiveness

Psalm 32:1-2; Matthew 6:12, 14-15; 18:21-35; Luke 11:4

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C F B \flat $\frac{E}{A}$ Gm 7 F C F B \flat B \flat^6 $\frac{E}{C}$ C

1. For - give-ness-what a joy - ful gift! You love me, Fa - ther God, as if I
2. For - give-ness-what a joy - ful sound! I'll share Your gift with all a-round, For
3. For - give-ness- Fa - ther God, in You The dreams of love are com - ing true. Your

Dm B \flat C 7 _{sus} C 7 $\frac{Am}{C}$ Gm 7 C C 7 F $\frac{C^7}{G}$ $\frac{E}{A}$ F

nev - er turned a - way. You give what I can nev - er earn- A
none of us can pay. For - get what oth - ers owe to me! I
peace will be re - stored, For Mer - cy sees what we can be And

B \flat $\frac{E}{A}$ Gm 7 $\frac{E}{A}$ $\frac{Dm}{B}$ C B \flat $\frac{E}{A}$ Gm 7 C 7 F

fav - or, Lord, I can't re - turn, A debt I can - not pay.
set us both com - plete - ly free! I wipe their wrong a - way!
grows it to re - al - i - ty In Je - sus Christ our Lord.

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FORGIVE
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TOPICS: Lord's Prayer; Relationships; Repentance & Forgiveness

LEAD-IN: Jesus taught us to pray,
"Forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors."
For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father
will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their sins, your
Father will not forgive your sins." (Matthew 6:12, 14-15, NIV)

LEAD-IN DEVOTIONAL READING:

Hold on to Love

*Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger,
brawling and slander,
along with every form of malice.
Be kind and compassionate to one another,
forgiving each other,
just as in Christ God forgave you.
Be imitators of God, therefore,
as dearly loved children
and live a life of love,
just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us.
(Ephesians 4:31 – 5:2, NIV)*

Those we love sometimes hurt or disappoint us. The cause may be a misunderstanding or human weakness or plain old selfishness. Even the highest human love sometimes falls short.

When that happens, we can let bitterness and anger sweep in and widen the separation. We can put at risk the love we've held so dear.

Or we can hold on to that love with both hands. We can continue to reach out and seek to understand. Even in our own hurt, we can do what love is designed to do: focus on the other person rather than on ourselves. When we forgive this way, we not only let the other person experience the beauty of God's love, we experience it ourselves.

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