



The Power of Forgiveness

Gal. 5:1 It is for **freedom** that Christ has set us free.

John 8:36 So if the Son sets you free, you will be **free indeed**.



1John 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will **forgive** us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1John 2:12 I am writing to you, dear children, because your sins have been **forgiven** on account of his name.



John 20:23 If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

Heb. 12:15 "See to it that no one comes short of the grace of God; that no root of bitterness springing up causes trouble, and by it many be defiled"



90% of the child molesters in prison were molested as children. They became like the very thing they hated.

Rom. 7:24 O wretched man that I am! who shall **deliver me** from the body of this death?



Matt. 18:34 In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured (tormented), until he should pay back all he owed.

Matt. 18:35 “This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”



The roots of unforgiveness and bitterness
have great power.

2 Samuel 13 David's children



The Answer to all of this?

Luke 6:37 Forgive and you will be forgiven... Release them and you will be released.

The first thing to do is get quiet and pray.



Ask the Lord if there is anything or anyone you have not held something against. Any vow you have made.

As the Lord reminds you, then you repent and ask forgiveness for NOT forgiving even though you have been forgiven.



Ask forgiveness for making vows. Both of these keep your hands on the situation. If you hand is on it, God's hand is not! He will not take hold of what you continue to hold on to.

To Release means to let it go.

To Forgive means to send it away.



You don't have to feel like it. You don't even have to like it.

It is a step of faith, an act of faith.
(Feelings will follow.)

The Power of Forgiveness is that it has the ability to bring REAL freedom in our lives.

