

The Relationship Choice

Life's Healing Choices: The Beatitudes – Part 6

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.”

“Blessed are the peacemakers for they will be called children of God.”

The Relationship Choice: I evaluate all my relationships, offer forgiveness to those who have hurt me, and make amends for harm I've done to others, except when to do so would harm them or others.

Forgiven people forgive people.
Unforgiving people are unforgiven people.

What does forgiveness look like?

1. Resist taking revenge (Rom 12:19).
2. Do what is right (1 Th 5:15).
3. Love them (Luke 6:28).
4. Grieve at their calamities (Pr 24:17).
5. Pray for them (Mt 5:44).
6. Seek reconciliation (Rom 12:18).

What forgiveness is NOT:

1. The absence of anger at sin.
2. The absence of serious consequences.

3. The same for the repentant vs. the unrepentant.

Life's Healing Choices

1. The Reality Choice – Admitting the Need
2. The Hope Choice – Getting Help
3. The Commitment Choice – Letting Go
4. The Housecleaning Choice – Coming Clean
5. The Transformation Choice – Making Changes

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One person
