

**2 Samuel 1:17-2:32**  
**Lessons on Forgiveness**

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1) Test all things with \_\_\_\_\_

**Forgiveness...**

- ... is not the same as \_\_\_\_\_
- ... means leaving \_\_\_\_\_ in God's hands.
- ... is not \_\_\_\_\_ (for the believer)
- ... does not forgo \_\_\_\_\_

2) Give \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in the same measure we want them.

3) The best Christian friendships include the regular \_\_\_\_\_ of one-another to trust and obey God.

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*Psalm 86:5*

4) Am I trying to get God to bless \_\_\_\_\_, or trying to walk in His?

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1 Corinthians 9:24-25    Psalm 90:12

5) Am I running the \_\_\_\_\_ ?

6) We serve the God of \_\_\_\_\_

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1) Test all things with SCRIPTURE

**Forgiveness...**

- ... is not the same as RECONCILIATION
- ... means leaving VENGEANCE in God's hands.
- ... is not OPTIONAL (for the believer)
- ... does not forgo CONSEQUENCES

2) Give GRACE and MERCY in the same measure we want them.

3) The best Christian friendships include the regular ENCOURAGING of one-another to trust and obey God.

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4) Am I trying to get God to bless MY PLANS, or trying to walk in His?

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5) Am I running the RIGHT RACE ?

6) We serve the God of SECOND CHANCES

What are some practical things that help you treat an “enemy” with love and forgiveness, instead of growing bitter?

7) How does the following passage encourage you when you need another “second chance” with God?

**Lamentations 3:22-23** - “[22] Through the LORD’s mercies we are not consumed, Because His compassions fail not. [23] They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness.”

### TAKING IT HOME

8) Look back at the points on forgiveness. What do you most need to remember or apply in your life?

Is there somebody you’ve been harboring bitterness towards? What can you do today to be set free from the trap of unforgiveness?

Is there somebody you’ve wronged that you need to ask forgiveness? How can you do this humbly and godly?

9) What do you most need to remember or put into practice from this week’s message or homework?

### PRAYER REQUESTS

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## Life Group Homework For the week of October 30, 2022

### MY STORY

- 1) This week we heard that God is the God of second chances. Can you think of a time in your life when you messed up and someone gave you a second chance, maybe in a job or at school or in a relationship?
- 2) For David, Ziklag represents a time when he was out of fellowship with God and living after his *own* heart. Why do you think so many Christians continue to “live in Ziklag” despite the consequences?

### QUICK REVIEW

- 3) In your own words, what happened in 2 Samuel 1 and 2?
- 4) What stood out to you from this Sunday’s message? (Favorite point, favorite verse, questions, etc)

### DIGGING DEEPER

- 5) What stands out to you from the following passage?  
**Romans 1:21-28 NLT** - “[21] Yes, they knew God, but they wouldn’t worship him as God or even give him thanks. And they began to think up foolish ideas of what God was like. As a result, their minds became dark and confused. [22]

*Claiming to be wise, they instead became utter fools. [23] And instead of worshiping the glorious, ever-living God, they worshiped idols made to look like mere people and birds and animals and reptiles. [24] So God abandoned them to do whatever shameful things their hearts desired. As a result, they did vile and degrading things with each other's bodies. [25] They traded the truth about God for a lie. So they worshiped and served the things God created instead of the Creator himself, who is worthy of eternal praise! Amen. [26] That is why God abandoned them to their shameful desires. Even the women turned against the natural way to have sex and instead indulged in sex with each other. [27] And the men, instead of having normal sexual relations with women, burned with lust for each other. Men did shameful things with other men, and as a result of this sin, they suffered within themselves the penalty they deserved. [28] Since they thought it foolish to acknowledge God, he abandoned them to their foolish thinking and let them do things that should never be done.*

Note the three times it says “God abandoned them...” or gave them over to their desires. What do you think this means?

How does this become a warning for those who continue in willful sin, or continue living for the flesh?

Do you think there is a difference between somebody *living* in sin and somebody *struggling* in sin? Explain your answer.

6) What stands out to you from the following passage?  
**Matthew 18:21-35** - [21] Then Peter came to Him and said, "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I

*forgive him? Up to seven times?" [22] Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven. [23] "Therefore the kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. [24] "And when he had begun to settle accounts, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. [25] "But as he was not able to pay, his master commanded that he be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and that payment be made. [26] "The servant therefore fell down before him, saying, 'Master, have patience with me, and I will pay you all.' [27] "Then the master of that servant was moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him the debt. [28] "But that servant went out and found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and he laid hands on him and took him by the throat, saying, 'Pay me what you owe!' [29] "So his fellow servant fell down at his feet and begged him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you all.' [30] "And he would not, but went and threw him into prison till he should pay the debt. [31] "So when his fellow servants saw what had been done, they were very grieved, and came and told their master all that had been done. [32] "Then his master, after he had called him, said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you begged me. [33] 'Should you not also have had compassion on your fellow servant, just as I had pity on you?' [34] "And his master was angry, and delivered him to the torturers until he should pay all that was due to him. [35] "So My heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother his trespasses.'"*

What does this teach us about God?

If we struggle to forgive others, do we lose our salvation?