

**SPEAK THE WORD CHURCH INTERNATIONAL
WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY
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ONLINE ONLY
FAULTS, FAITH AND FORGIVENESS**



GOALS & KEY CONCEPTS

- To understand God's redemptive process for faults, faith and forgiveness.
- To acknowledge that you can live a fault-free life full of faith.
- To challenge yourself and identify your own faults, faith and forgiveness.
- To restore, reengage and reignite your relationships that are fault-ridden, in faith and in the process of forgiveness.

ICEBREAKER:

- What does the word "forgiveness" mean to you in the context of our topic of "Faults, Faith and Forgiveness"?
- How does forgiveness impact women vs. men? How does it impact our lives spiritually, mentally, emotionally and physically?

A. REVIEW

- Review the definition of “faults” and “faith” in former lessons.
- Review the former scriptures from previous studies related to faults and faith concerning women.
- Review the faults, faith and forgiveness chart that describes the process of the soul (your mind, your will and your emotions).

B. FORGIVE - WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

Definition:

- To cease to feel resentment against an offender.
- To give up resentment of or claim to requital.
- To grant relief from payment or cancel a debt.

The term “resentment” is used in this definition twice. What does “resentment” mean?

Definition: Resentment

- To feel or express annoyance or ill will at someone or something.
- It is a feeling of indignant displeasure or persistent ill will at someone or something regarded as wrong, insult and injury.

Questions of Reflection: CHAT COMMENTS:

1. What thoughts do these definitions evoke for you?
2. What current feelings do you have? Are you able to identify where you are in your faith in the process of forgiveness?
3. Are you in a place where you need to be forgiven OR are you in a place where you need to forgive others? Both?

C. FORGIVENESS FULFILLS THE COMMANDMENT OF LOVE

Love Your Enemies- Matthew 5:43-45

⁴³ “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ ⁴⁴ ^[a] But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, ⁴⁵ that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.

The Greatest Commandment- Matthew 22:37-40

³⁷ Jesus said to him, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ ³⁸ This is the first and great commandment. ³⁹ And the second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ ⁴⁰ On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”

The Lord’s prayer- Matthew 6:9-15

⁹ Pray like this: Our Father in heaven, may your name be kept holy.¹⁰ May your Kingdom come soon. May your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.¹¹ Give us today the food we need,^[a]¹² and forgive us our sins, as we have forgiven those who sin against us.¹³ And don’t let us yield to temptation,^[b] but rescue us from the evil one.^[c]¹⁴ “If you forgive those who sin against you, your heavenly Father will forgive you. ¹⁵ But if you refuse to forgive others, your Father will not forgive your sins.

Lessons from the Lord’s Prayer:

- Direction for prayer
- Identification with holiness
- God’s Will
- Personal Forgiveness
- Relationship Forgiveness toward others
- Deliverance from Temptation & Evil
- The Exchange of Love

Questions of Reflection: CHAT COMMENTS:



Which specific area of the Lord’s prayer resonates with you the most? (Hint: Direction for prayer? Personal forgiveness? Deliverance from temptation and evil? Why?)



What is the purpose behind the words of Jesus when he says that if you refuse to forgive others your Father will not forgive your sins? What does this mean to you and how does this impact your relationships?

D. THE PROCESS OF FORGIVENESS

HOW DO I FORGIVE?

□ THE RELATIONSHIP - Matthew 18:15-20

¹⁵“Moreover if your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he hears you, you have gained your brother. ¹⁶But if he will not hear, take with you one or two more, that ‘by the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.’ ¹⁷And if he refuses to hear them, tell *it* to the church. But if he refuses even to hear the church, let him be to you like a heathen and a tax collector.¹⁸ “Assuredly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

¹⁹“Again^[d] I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them.

1. Go and tell the person of their fault between you and that individual.
2. Make gains.
3. Take 2-3 people to express the problem.
4. Obtain support from the church.
5. Treat him like a “health” or “tax collector”.
6. Understand the relational connection between heaven and earth.
7. Gather in his name and know He is present.

□ THE EMOTIONS & BEHAVIORS – Ephesians 4:25-31 [a lack of forgiveness]

²⁵Therefore, putting away lying, “*Let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor,*” for we are members of one another. ²⁶“Be angry, and do not sin”: do not let the sun go down on your wrath, ²⁷nor give ^[g]place to the devil. ²⁸Let him who stole steal no longer, but rather let him labor, working with *his* hands what is good, that he may have something to give him who has need. ²⁹Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary ^[h]edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers. ³⁰And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for

the day of redemption. ³¹ Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, ^{l1}clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. ³² And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.

1. Bitterness
2. Wrath
3. Anger
4. Clamor
5. Evil Speaking
6. Malice

**Remember, the definition of forgiveness is “ to feel resentment towards an offender” and resentment is defined as feeling or expressing annoyance.*



Have you ever felt any of these emotions or practiced these behaviors in situation where there was a lack of forgiveness? What happened in the situation? What happened in the relationship?



How should a godly woman *express* her concerns in order to promote forgiveness?

1. No corrupt word should proceed out of your mouth.
2. Make sure what you say is good.
3. Make sure what you say is good AND for necessary edification i.e. encouragement
4. The encouragement and edification provides grace to those who hear it.
5. Are you grieving the Holy Spirit by how you are expressing yourself?



Can you identify the feelings you have about the person or situation where forgiveness is a problem? What was the fault?

THE PERSONAL CHOICE - Luke 23:34

34 [a]Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do.”

And they divided His garments and cast lots.

Questions of Reflection: CHAT COMMENTS:

- Jesus made a choice to forgive when he was dying on the cross. He prays to the Father about their actions. Do you have an experience where you made a choice to forgive

someone in the midst of the turmoil? How did you get through it? How did your relationship with God help you work through it?

- They continued to divide his garments and cast his lots. Have you ever encountered people who continue to cause trouble in your life even though you forgave them? What do you do about relationships with people who are not repentant of what they did to you or are not around in your life anymore?
- What do you think about the common term “forgive and forget”? Is this possible?

E. REPENTANCE - THE BLOOD OF JESUS

Repentance and forgiveness are synonymous in terms of being able to bring change into the life of the believer.

Definition:

- To turn from sin and dedicate oneself to the amendment of one’s life.
- To free from regret or contrition.
- To change one’s mind.

SCRIPTURES

How do we confess our sins? How do we repent?

1 John 1:8-10, 1 John 2:2

⁸If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us [...]

²And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.

Psalm 51:1-2

Have mercy on me, O God, because of your unfailling love. Because of your great compassion, blot out the stain of my sins.² Wash me clean from my guilt. Purify me from my sin [...] Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

James 5:16

⁶ [a]Confess *your* trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, [b]fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much. ¹

1. Forgiveness leads the believer to repent and helps us to confess our sin.

2. The blood of Jesus cleanses and purifies the soul which leads to a lifestyle of forgiveness and repentance.

3. Faith is the way to accept that forgiveness that Christ extends to you.

Leviticus 17:11

¹¹ For the life of the flesh *is* in the blood, and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it *is* the blood *that* makes atonement for the soul.

Hebrews 9:22

²² And according to the law almost all things are ^[d]purified with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no ^[i]remission.

Hebrews 10:12,19-24

¹² But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God, ¹³ from that time waiting till His enemies are made His footstool. ¹⁴ For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being ^[d]sanctified [...]¹⁹ Therefore, brethren, having boldness^[i] to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh, ²¹ and *having* a High Priest over the house of God, ²² let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³ Let us hold fast the confession of *our* hope without wavering, for He who promised *is* faithful. ²⁴ And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works,

Questions of Reflection: CHAT COMMENTS:



How can we lead a lifestyle of forgiveness as godly women?



How do you apply your faith in the midst of your faults that leads to forgiveness?



What beliefs do you have that need to change in order to move beyond your faults or the faults of others?

MY NOTES:

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