

## **Thursology 72: The Only TRUE Cure for Evil is...FORGIVENESS!!!**

### **(Implications of the Tribulation-Pt 18)**

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#### **--Review: What forgiveness ISN'T!!**

- Forgiveness Fact #1: Esau forgave Jacob...but he didn't FORGET what HAPPENED
- Forgiveness Fact #2: Esau forgave Jacob...but he didn't PRETEND that it didn't HURT
- Forgiveness Fact #3: Esau forgave Jacob...but he didn't APPROVE of what he DID
- Forgiveness Fact #4: Esau FORGAVE Jacob...but he didn't PARDON him
- Forgiveness Fact #5: Esau forgave Jacob...but he didn't have to RECONCILE the RELATIONSHIP
- Forgiveness Fact #6: Esau forgave Jacob...but he didn't have to TRUST him

#### **--The Three Essential Actions Necessary for True Forgiveness:**

--**ACTION #1:** \_\_\_\_\_ whether you've really been  
\_\_\_\_\_. ...or you're just being overly \_\_\_\_\_...or  
self-\_\_\_\_\_

--A really common error: We often feel \_\_\_\_\_...when we  
were merely \_\_\_\_\_

--Questions to ask when I believe someone needs my forgiveness:

1. Could I be \_\_\_\_\_ about the facts?
2. Could I be \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_-stating the facts?
3. Could my \_\_\_\_\_ about whether they \_\_\_\_\_  
have done what they did...actually be \_\_\_\_\_?
4. Am I sure that they harmed me \_\_\_\_\_?
5. If they're in authority...was their \_\_\_\_\_ within the  
responsibility of their \_\_\_\_\_?
6. Do I \_\_\_\_\_ them because I don't want to \_\_\_\_\_  
what they have to say...even though they're telling me the  
\_\_\_\_\_?

--**ACTION #2:** \_\_\_\_\_ begin the \_\_\_\_\_ of  
forgiveness

--Key Concept: Forgiveness is not primarily a \_\_\_\_\_...but an  
act of the \_\_\_\_\_

--**Step #1:** We recognize that the person who wronged us deserves \_\_\_\_\_  
forgiveness far more than \_\_\_\_\_ deserve \_\_\_\_\_ forgiveness

#### **--Matt 18:21-35**

--Isaiah 53:4-5: "Surely our griefs He Himself bore, and our sorrows He  
carried...But He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for  
our iniquities; the chastening for our well-being fell upon Him, and by His  
scourging we are healed."

--Key Concept #1: When we get so focused on the sins of others against us...and \_\_\_\_\_ to forgive...we show God that we don't understand how \_\_\_\_\_ a price He paid for \_\_\_\_\_ sins against Him.

--Romans 5:8

--Key Concept #2: Forgiveness begins with a \_\_\_\_\_ that's astounded at just how \_\_\_\_\_ it is that God is willing to forgive \_\_\_\_\_!!!

--Step #2: We recognize that the one who wronged us is a \_\_\_\_\_ person...who has been \_\_\_\_\_ themselves

--Matt 7:1-5

--Step #3: We forfeit our "\_\_\_\_\_" for \_\_\_\_\_

--A justice fact: Sometimes...in this world...we can come \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ justice

--A vengeance fact: In this world...vengeance is never \_\_\_\_\_...vengeance is never \_\_\_\_\_

--A victim fact: When someone has intentionally hurt me...the pain that I \_\_\_\_\_ is always \_\_\_\_\_ than the pain they \_\_\_\_\_ I felt

--The inevitable outcome of fallen humanity's perception of justice, vengeance and victimhood: When I go to pay somebody back for the pain they inflicted on me...I always pay them back \_\_\_\_\_ than they \_\_\_\_\_ they \_\_\_\_\_

--The vicious cycle of revenge: Each "repayment" \_\_\_\_\_ the payback... and there's never a point where \_\_\_\_\_ sides of the fight believe they're \_\_\_\_\_!!!

--Key Concept: \_\_\_\_\_ never fixes what only \_\_\_\_\_ can heal!!!

--Romans 12:19: "Never take your own revenge, beloved, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, 'Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,' says the Lord."

--Step #4: We stop \_\_\_\_\_ that \_\_\_\_\_ things will happen to the one who hurt us

--Step #5: We come to the point where we actually hope that God will \_\_\_\_\_ the one who \_\_\_\_\_ us...even though they don't \_\_\_\_\_ it

--Genesis 33:1-4: Then Jacob lifted his eyes and looked, and behold, Esau was coming, and four hundred men with him. So he divided the children among Leah and Rachel and the two maids. He put the maids and their children in front, and Leah and her children next, and Rachel and Joseph last. But he himself passed on ahead of them and bowed down to the ground seven times, until he came near to his brother. Then Esau ran to meet him and embraced him, and fell on his neck and kissed him, and they wept.

--Gen 33:5, 8-10: Esau lifted his eyes and saw the women and the children, and said, "Who are these with you?" So he said, "The children whom God has graciously given your servant."...And he said, "What do you mean by all this company which I have met?" And he said, "To find favor in the sight of my lord." But Esau said, "I have plenty, my brother; let what you have be your own." Jacob said, "No, please, if now I have found favor in your sight, then take my present from my hand, for I see your face as one sees the face of God, and you have received me favorably.

--The miracles that resulted from Esau's forgiveness:

--Miracle #1: This wasn't just a great event for \_\_\_\_\_...  
it was a great event for \_\_\_\_\_!!!

--Miracle #2: Esau was no longer in \_\_\_\_\_ to his  
hate...but was now \_\_\_\_\_ to live with genuine \_\_\_\_\_!!!

--Miracle #3: He was so \_\_\_\_\_...he could take great  
pleasure in seeing the one who had \_\_\_\_\_ his  
blessing...being \_\_\_\_\_!!!

--One of the greatest truths about forgiveness: Radical  
\_\_\_\_\_...brings radical  
\_\_\_\_\_!!!

--ACTION #3: \_\_\_\_\_ that Christ has the \_\_\_\_\_ to turn even  
the worst \_\_\_\_\_...into a spectacular \_\_\_\_\_

--Key Concept: God took a situation in which an \_\_\_\_\_  
American POW...was ultimately used to save the souls of \_\_\_\_\_  
of Japanese people...who likely would've never \_\_\_\_\_ the  
Gospel...if he hadn't been held in that military \_\_\_\_\_ for those  
3 years.

# Thursology 71: "Forgive & Forget" Isn't **REAL!**

## The Healthy Boundaries of Forgiving Evil (Trib Implications #17)

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### --Review

--Application: Just because our mistreatment...or deception...isn't as **IMPRESSIVE** as Jacob's...doesn't mean we can **AVOID** having to set things **RIGHT**!!!

### --Back to Esau Getting Hosed

--Gen 27:30-35, 38 → V. 41

--Esau's response: He's **HOMICIDAL**!!!

--Gen 33:1-4

--The big surprise from Esau: He had **FORGIVEN** Jacob

### --The Forgiveness Facts:

--**Forgiveness Fact #1:** Esau *forgave* Jacob...but he didn't **FORGET** what **HAPPENED**

--Gen. 27:42-45

--Key Concept #1: Forgiveness isn't **DENYING** that something **HAPPENED**

--Key Concept #2: Forgiveness isn't **BLINDNESS** about a **BETRAYAL**

--The Forgiveness Paradox: You can't **REALLY** forgive...unless you **REMEMBER** how much they **HURT** you!!!

--**Forgiveness Fact #2:** Esau *forgave* Jacob...but he didn't **PRETEND** that it didn't **HURT**

--Gen. 27:34 → V. 38

--Key Concept: **TRUE** forgiveness...requires **SEVERE** truthfulness!!!

--**Forgiveness Fact #3:** Esau *forgave* Jacob...but he didn't **APPROVE** of what he **DID**

--Key Concept: Forgiveness removes the **POWER** of the wrong...even though the **FACT** that the sin was committed...can *never* be **UNDONE**!!!

--**Forgiveness Fact #4:** Esau **FORGAVE** Jacob...but he didn't **PARDON** him

--Precept #1: Forgiveness doesn't **SURRENDER** the need for **JUSTICE**

--Precept #2: To truly forgive...you must **SURRENDER** your **DESIRE** for **REVENGE**

--Key Concept: We cannot **CONTROL** our desires...but we *are* able to **SURRENDER** them to the Lord!!!

--"Lord...I can't forgive them by myself. With all the pain they inflicted on me...I don't *want* to forgive them. But I'm willing to have You change my heart. I'm willing to have You change my desires. And as you give me the grace to forgive...I'm willing to say 'no' to hurting them back."

--**Forgiveness Fact #5:** Esau *forgave* Jacob...but he *didn't* have to **RECONCILE** the **RELATIONSHIP**

--Key Concept #1: *Forgiveness* must have **NO** strings attached...but...*reconciliation* has **LOTS** of strings attached!!!

--Key Concept #2: *Forgiveness* isn't a **REQUIREMENT** to return to **HARM'S** way!!!

--**Forgiveness Fact #6:** Esau *forgave* Jacob...but he didn't have to **TRUST** him

--The two things that might make trust possible again:

1. You must completely **ACCEPT** all of the **IMPLICATIONS** of what you did.
2. You must completely **RELEASE** the one you **HURT** from any **EXPECTATIONS**