

# GRACE

BREVARD

*To Enjoy and Express the Freeing Hope of Jesus*



# POWER.FULLY.WEAK.

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2Cor 2:5-11

"Debt Relief"

*2:7a so you should rather turn to  
forgive and comfort him*

Last week was repentance,  
This week is forgiveness



## 2 Corinthians 2:5-11

Now if anyone has caused pain, he has caused it not to me, but in some measure—not to put it too severely—to all of you. <sup>6</sup> For such a one, this punishment by the majority is enough, <sup>7</sup> so you should rather turn to forgive and comfort him, or he may be overwhelmed by excessive sorrow. <sup>8</sup> So I beg you to reaffirm your love for him.



<sup>9</sup> For this is why I wrote, that I might test you and know whether you are obedient in everything. <sup>10</sup> Anyone whom you forgive, I also forgive. Indeed, what I have forgiven, if I have forgiven anything, has been for your sake in the presence of Christ, <sup>11</sup> so that we would not be outwitted by Satan; for we are not ignorant of his designs.



# The Calling to Forgive

<sup>5</sup> Now if anyone has caused pain, he has caused it not to me, but in some measure—not to put it too severely—to all of you. <sup>6</sup> For such a one, this punishment by the majority is enough,

Real offense that has caused real pain



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turn to forgive and  
comfort him, or he may  
be overwhelmed by  
excessive sorrow. <sup>8</sup> So I  
beg you to reaffirm  
your love for him.

Comfort

Para-Kaleo

Forgive

"Give+Grace"  
Pardon, Restore

Reaffirm Your Love

Para-Kaleo



# What Forgiveness Isn't

Forgetting



# What Forgiveness Isn't

Forgetting  
Ignoring



# What Forgiveness Isn't

Forgetting  
Ignoring  
Dependent



# What Forgiveness Isn't

Forgetting  
Ignoring  
Dependent  
Restoration



# What Forgiveness Isn't

Forgetting  
Ignoring  
Dependent  
Restoration  
Scorekeeping

Matt 18:22  
...but seventy-seven times.



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# What Forgiveness Is

<sup>9</sup> ...that I might test  
you and know whether  
you are obedient in  
everything.

Obedience



# What Forgiveness Is

<sup>6</sup> this punishment by  
the majority is enough,

Obedience  
Undeserved



# What Forgiveness Is

<sup>8</sup> So I beg you to **reaffirm**  
your love for him.

Obedience  
Undeserved  
Incremental



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<sup>8</sup> So I beg you to *reaffirm*  
your **love** for him.

Obedience  
Undeserved  
Incremental  
Sacrificial



# What Forgiveness Is

<sup>7</sup> so you should rather  
turn to **forgive** and  
comfort him, or he may  
be **overwhelmed** by  
excessive sorrow.

Obedience  
Undeserved  
Incremental  
Sacrificial  
Freedom  
(for them and you)



# What Forgiveness Is

Ephesians 4:32

Be kind to one another,  
tenderhearted, forgiving one  
another, as God in Christ  
forgave you.

Obedience  
Undeserved  
Incremental  
Sacrificial  
Freedom  
Reflection



# The Barriers to Forgiveness

<sup>11</sup> so that we would not  
be outwitted by Satan;  
for we are not ignorant  
of his designs.

Evil Weapon



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Evil Weapon  
Feels good



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Evil Weapon  
Feels good  
Leverage



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for we are not ignorant  
of his designs.

Evil Weapon  
Feels good  
Leverage  
Expensive



# The Gift of Forgiveness

Forgive us our debts,  
As we forgive our debtors

Evil Weapon  
Feels good  
Leverage  
Expensive



# The Gift of Forgiveness

Luke 23:34

And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide his garments.

*"The essence of sin is we human beings substituting ourselves for God, while the essence of salvation is God substituting himself for us. We . . . put ourselves where only God deserves to be; God . . . puts himself where we deserve to be."*

*John Stott*

# The Gift of Forgiveness

"At the cross in holy love God through Christ paid the full penalty of our disobedience himself. He bore the judgment we deserve in order to bring us the forgiveness we do not deserve. On the cross divine mercy and justice were equally expressed and eternally reconciled. God's holy love was 'satisfied' . . . Divine love triumphed over divine wrath by divine self-sacrifice."

John Stott, The Cross of Christ



# The Gift of Forgiveness

Revelation 21:2

And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

Forgiveness is just  
the beginning



# Application

1) Honesty with the Lord and yourself

2) Take your sins to Jesus

For every one look at your sins, take 99 looks at Jesus

3) Take their sins to Jesus

