

LIVING with INTEGRITY

Forgiveness
Message 7

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► Outline

... *forgive anyone who offends you.* ...

Colossians 3:13 (NLT)

A. Introduction

(Genesis 44:33-34; Matthew 6:14-15)

B. Forgiveness includes...

(Genesis 45)

1. Revealing _____.

(Genesis 45:1-3. C/R: Romans 12:14-18;
Ephesians 4:2,31-32; Colossians 3:13-14)

2. Reflecting on God's _____.

(Genesis 45:4-8. C/R: Proverbs 16:9; 19:21;
Romans 12:19-21; James 2:13)

3. Rebuilding _____.

(Genesis 45:9-15. C/R: Romans 12:10-13;
2 Corinthians 13:11; Philippians 2:2; 1 Peter 4:8)

4. Relying on _____.

(Genesis 45:16-28. C/R: Proverbs 21:1; Jeremiah 29:11;
Romans 8:28)

Answers: 1. feelings 2. purpose 3. relationships 4. God

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► Discussion Guide

Use this guide by yourself or with friends to pursue a deeper relationship with Jesus. To connect with others, visit brookwoodchurch.org/adults.

Conversation Starter

What's the best single day on the calendar?

Begin your study with prayer

Pause for a few minutes to quiet your heart and mind. Then ask God for insight and direction as you study and reflect on this week's lesson.

Bible Study and Group Discussion

Read [Genesis 44:33-34](#) and [45](#).

1. When he could stand it no longer, Joseph made himself known to his brothers with a loud outburst of emotions. Have you ever experienced a reaction like that when reuniting with someone? Describe.
2. The brothers were speechless, stunned to realize Joseph was still alive. What emotions do you think they were feeling?
3. After all he'd been through, Joseph was able to see the God's purpose for his life. How did that enable him to offer forgiveness?
4. What are practical ways you can become more aware of God's presence and work in your life?
5. As Joseph directed his brothers' gaze toward God, what impact do you think that had on them?
6. How did Pharaoh and his officials respond when they learned Joseph's brothers had come to Egypt? Why do you think they felt this way, and what did they do?
7. Think of a time when you needed to forgive someone. Did you lean on God or try to figure out what to do on your own?
8. What are practical ways you can rely on God while rebuilding a relationship?

9. When we forgive someone, it not only affects the person we forgive but also the people around us. List ways others were blessed as a result of Joseph's tenderness and compassion toward his brothers.
10. Think of a time you forgave someone. How did that change you? What impact did that have on the people around you?
11. How do you know when you've truly forgiven someone? What are your heart, attitude and behavior toward that person?
12. The Bible was written long ago but also for us today. What lessons is this passage teaching you?

Spiritual Practice

A spiritual practice is training for the soul. By building these into your everyday life, you're sure to strengthen your relationship with God.

One way to grow in spiritual maturity is to learn how to see life from God's perspective. Name one difficulty you're currently facing (either in a situation or in a relationship). How might God be working in your life through this? As you think about this relationship or situation this week, pause and ask God what He wants you to know. Allow a time of silence as you listen for God's thoughts and direction.

Memory Verse

Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others.

[Colossians 3:13 \(NLT\)](#)

Daily Reading

- Day 1: [Matthew 6:14-15](#) Day 4: [2 Corinthians 13:11](#)
Day 2: [Colossians 3:13-14](#) Day 5: [Proverbs 21:1](#)
Day 3: [Romans 12:19-21](#)

Prepare for Next Sunday

Next Sunday, March 13, we'll conclude our series *Living with Integrity*. To prepare, read [Genesis chapters 46-50](#).



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