

I'm Angry About Forgiveness



Put up with each other, and
forgive anyone who does you wrong,
just as Christ has forgiven you.

Colossians 3:13 CEV

I'm Mad Because God Forgives People Who Don't Deserve It!

“This son of mine was dead, but has now come back to life. He was lost and has now been found.” And they began to **celebrate**.

The older son had been out in the field. But when he came near the house, he heard the music and dancing. So he called one of the servants over and asked, “What's going on here?”

The servant answered, “Your brother has come home safe and sound, and your father ordered us to kill the best calf.”

The older brother got **so angry that he would not even go into** the house.

His father came out and **begged him** to go in. But he said to his father, “For years **I have worked** for you like a slave and **have always obeyed you**. But you have never even given me a little goat, so that I could give a dinner for my friends. This other son of yours wasted your money on prostitutes. And now that he has come home, you ordered the best calf to be killed for a feast.”

His father replied, “My son, you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. But **we should be glad and celebrate!** Your brother was dead, but he is now alive. He was lost and has now been found.”

Luke 15:24-32 NLT

Symptoms of Unforgiveness

Self-righteousness	Unconcern for the offender
Anger	Great sense of unfairness
Selfishness	Fail to share God's feelings

Results of Unforgiveness

Damaged relationships Lack of joy Life out of focus

What Do I Do?

❖ Honestly Examine Myself

Anyone who has been forgiven for only a little will **show only a little love**.

Luke 7:47 CEV

❖ Honestly Examine God

Lord, who is a God like you? **You forgive** sin. You forgive your people when they do what is wrong. You don't stay angry forever. Instead, **you take delight in showing your faithful love** to them.

Micah 7:18 NIRV

❖ Let God's Heart Touch My Heart

The Lord **longs to be gracious to you** ... the Lord must wait for you to come to him so he can show you his love and compassion.

Isaiah 30:18 NIV NLT

When sins have been forgiven, there is **no need to offer any more sacrifices**. ... because of the blood of Jesus.

Hebrews 10:17-19 NLT

This is **my blood** of the new covenant. It is poured out to forgive the sins of many.

Matthew 26:28 NIRV

But if we confess our sins to him,
he is **faithful and just** to forgive us

1 John 1:9 NLT