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FORGIVENESS IN ACTION

There's another word for un-forgiveness: Resentment. Ref: Colossians 3:13

We need to understand that forgiveness isn't a feeling. Resentment is a feeling. Un-forgiveness is a feeling. But forgiveness is more of an attitude -- a conscious choice we make that leads in the direction of forgiveness in action.

1. Put yourself where _____ are, and put them where _____ are.

You're forgiving someone who shares the same human condition as you, you're both sinners.

We don't forgive down, we forgive across. We forgive vertically.

When you begin to understand the full measure of God's _____ at work in your in life, it's much easier to extend forgiveness to others. Ref: Matthew 18:32-35.

2. Forgiveness doesn't mean that you abandon all _____.

When God forgives, his Spirit continues to work with us and in us, so that our sin is not just forgiven, it is ultimately eradicated.

You could say that God loves you too much to let you _____ the way you are.

Grace and mercy and forgiveness are not about abandoning all boundaries and giving everyone free reign in your life to destroy everything that matters. Ref: Galatians 6:1

The goal in forgiveness is to bring restoration and healing -- not only to restore your relationship with that person, but to restore that person's relationship with God.

3. Once and for all, let go of the _____ that bringing it up gives you. Ref: Ephesians 4:32

You've heard the phrase forgive and forget? It's not always possible to forget. But here's what you can do: forgive and shut up.

Forgiveness really isn't a feeling. Un-forgiveness is a feeling. Forgiveness is first an attitude, a choice we make to forgive, and that choice is what leads us toward forgiveness in action.

What is forgiveness in action?

- You don't forgive _____, you forgive across.
- Establish _____ and accountability.
- Let it ___.

Forgiveness is one of the non-negotiable fundamentals of the faith. We need to forgive one another. Ref: Matthew 6:12 NLT