

Message Notes | Forgiveness

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#4 _____ people _____ people.

- lift your eyes to the cross

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1. What are some reasons why forgiving is difficult?
2. Rachael Denhollander mentioned that in her dealing with past hurt, she considered the secular path and taking God out of the picture. What does responding to hurt look like if God is not in the picture? Give examples if you can.
3. **Read Romans 12:17-18.** What hardships were the Roman Christians who received these words facing?

What does it mean to "live at peace with everyone?" What does it NOT mean?
4. **Read Romans 12:19.** What does it mean when God says, "It is mine to avenge; I will repay?"

Practically speaking, how does trusting God replace the need for personal vengeance or payback?
5. Sometimes it feels as if those who hurt us don't face any consequences. Does God let people off the hook?
6. Read **Leviticus 17:11.** Why was there so much blood and sacrifice in the Old Testament?
7. **Read Hebrews 10:10.** Explain how the cross explains how God is both a God of justice and of mercy.
8. What's one thing you took from this message that will help you forgive when it's not easy to forgive?

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Bible Reading for Today

Romans 12:17-19

¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. ¹⁸ If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. ¹⁹ Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord.

