



Carrying the offenses
myself

TO FORGIVE



Giving the offenses
to God

LAST BUT NOT LEAST - THE HARDEST PERSON TO FORGIVE

IF GOD COULD FORGIVE:

1. King Manasseh What did he do? (2 Chronicles 33:1-9)

2. Prodigal Son What did he do? (Luke 15:11-32)

3. King David What did he do? (2 Samuel 11:1-17)

4. Prostitute What did she do? (John 8:1-4)

5. Apostle Paul What did he do? (Acts 9:1-4)

6. Onesimus What did he do? (Phile 1:8-16)

7. You What did you do?

AFTER THEY WERE FORGIVEN: (BY GOD) (Use the verses above.)

King Manasseh God brought him back to his kingdom.

Prodigal God brought him back home.

King David God kept him on the throne.

Prostitute God sent her on with her life.

Paul God said, "arise & go".

Onesimus God sent him back home.

8. What does God do with sinners who He has saved? _____

9. Check out John 8:7-11. Jesus said to the prostitute, "Go and sin no more."
Jesus FORGAVE HER - Jesus DID NOT CONDONE her lifestyle - Jesus DID NOT
CONDEMN her - Jesus PROVIDED THE LIGHT for her to keep going in godliness.
Why can't we forgive someone like this? Your thoughts.



OK, NOW LOOK IN THE MIRROR. There you are; remember the stuff you did?

- You hurt that person a few years back.
- You took a life during a violent event.
- You used and then distributed drugs to vulnerable people.
- You belonged to a group that mercilessly hurt people.

10. Yes No If you have accepted Jesus as your Savior from inherited sin, He has forgiven you all these things.
11. Yes No If you haven't made this decision yet, get this - those sins are already forgiven; He's just waiting for you to accept it.
12. Yes No Is it accurate to tell someone to "forgive themselves"?

Psalm 51:7-11 [With incredible guilt] ⁷ Sprinkle me with the cleansing blood^[a] and I shall be clean again. Wash me and I shall be whiter than snow. ⁸ And after you have punished me, give me back my joy again. ⁹ Don't keep looking at my sins—erase them from your sight. ¹⁰ Create in me a new, clean heart, O God, filled with clean thoughts and right desires. ¹¹ Don't toss me aside, banished forever from your presence. Don't take your Presence from me.

13. Look at these verses. This is not a cheap forgiveness; His forgiveness loves, cleans, restores as He keeps His arms tightly wrapped around you.
14. Yes No Does it look like David knows he is forgiven even though he's guilty?
15. After reading these verses in Psalm 51, can you look God in the eye and say, "I am not the "Forgiver"; You are. I feel like a rotten failure. Your forgiveness matters; I can forgive myself because You said I could. Yes No

JOIN KING DAVID. HE WILL REMEMBER THE SINS BUT HE WILL NOT DRAG THEM AROUND ANY LONGER.

16. Select two statements from the list below. Write your thoughts as it relates to your life.

- GOD IS NOT MAD AT YOU NO MATTER WHAT YOU'VE DONE.
- YOU MAY HAVE SINNED BUT YOU ARE NOT THE SIN.
- IT'S TIME TO STOP REMEMBERING WHAT GOD HAS FORGOTTEN.
- GOD'S FAITHFULNESS IS BIGGER THAN OUR SINS.
- WHEN WE REPENT, GOD WILL KNOW HOW SORRY WE ARE.
- WHY DO WE CONTINUE TO SIT IN THE PAIN OF OUR PAST MISTAKES?
- YOUR PAST MISTAKES SHOULD GUIDE US, NOT DEFINE US.
- COULD THE OPPOSITE OF SHAME BE FREE?
- EVEN WHEN BIBLE PEOPLE SINNED, GOD STILL USED THEM.

#1: _____

#2: _____

