

**The Road Less Traveled**



# **Would I Choose to Forgive?**

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**Jesus said to his disciples: "Things that cause people to stumble are bound to come, but woe to anyone through whom they come. 2 It would be better for them to be thrown into the sea with a millstone tied around their neck than to cause one of these little ones to stumble.**

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**3 So watch yourselves. "If your brother or sister sins against you, rebuke them; and if they repent, forgive them. 4 Even if they sin against you seven times in a day and seven times come back to you saying 'I repent,' you must forgive them.**

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**5 The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" 6 He replied, "If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it will obey you."**



**Followers of Jesus are to be welcoming  
and make it easy people to belong.**

**The Problem: Pride**

**Country Club Christianity**



**The Solution: Humility**



**Followers of Jesus are to be forgiving.**

**Forgiveness = Abandoning my right to pay  
you back for wronging me.**

**Forgiveness requires Humility.**

**Forgiveness requires Perspective.**

**“Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you” (Ephesians 4:32).**

**“You must make allowance for each other’s faults and forgive the person who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others”  
(Colossians 3:13).**

**Forgiven People Forgive.**

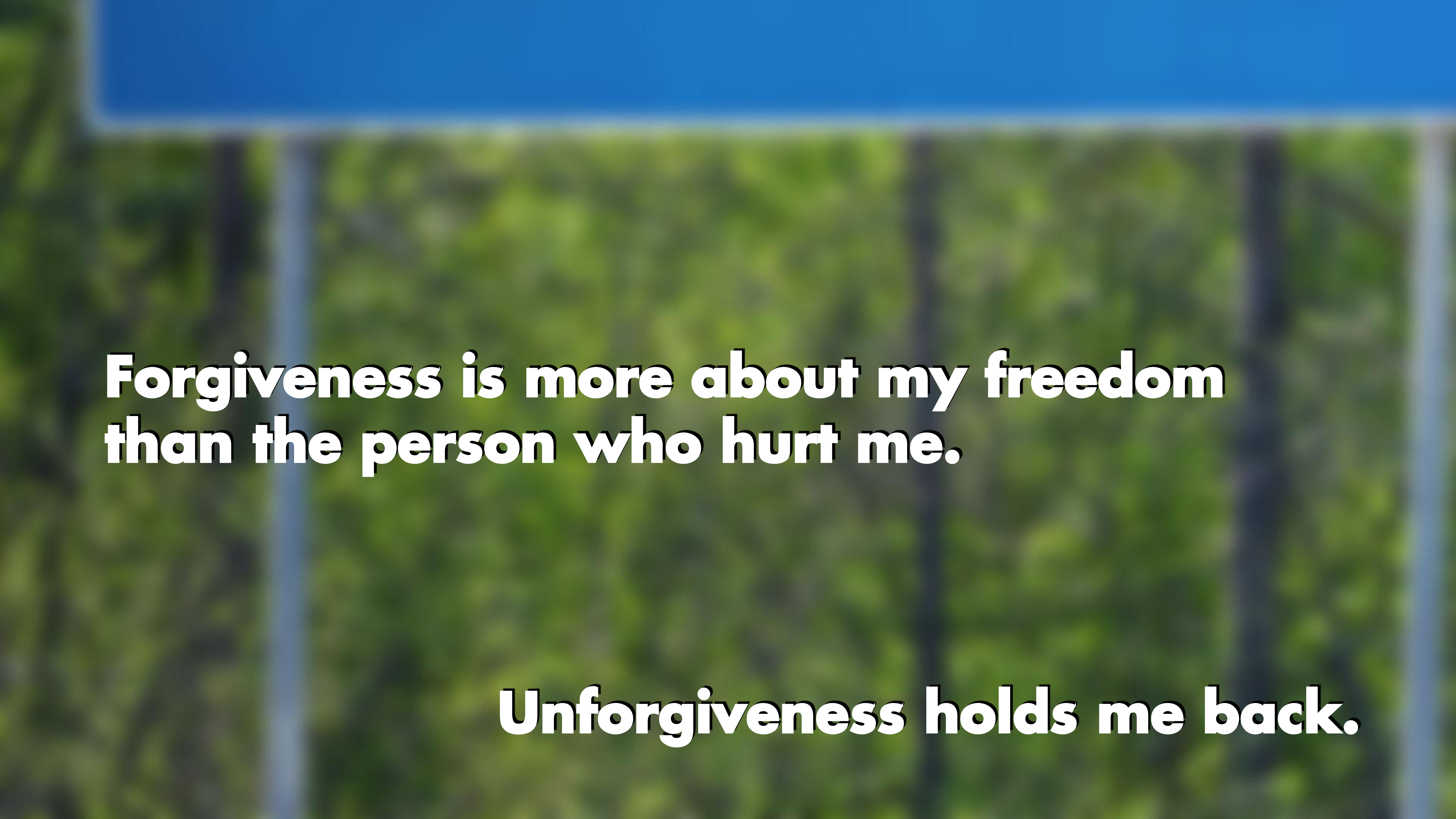


**Forgiveness is a choice to release.**



**“To forgive is to set a prisoner free and discover that the prisoner was you.”**

**- Lewis B. Smedes**



**Forgiveness is more about my freedom  
than the person who hurt me.**

**Unforgiveness holds me back.**



**Forgiveness is a key to my relationship  
with God.**

**“If you forgive those who sin against you, your heavenly Father will forgive you. But if you refuse to forgive others, your Father will not forgive your sins” (Matthew 6:14-15).**



**Forgiveness is not about forgetting.**

**Forgiveness is ongoing.**

**Forgiveness requires faith in God.**



**It's not about the size of your faith, but the size of your God.**



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