

SATAN'S FAVORITE LIES: LIE #3

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THE ANCIENT LIE

- Some things **God won't forgive!**
- Some things **we can't forgive!**
- Sometimes **we have to fight fire with fire.**

THE TRUTH

About GOD'S FORGIVENESS

- ① Satan is the great **accuser.**
Revelation 12:10 & Job 1-3
- ② Only one sin **is unforgivable.**
Matthew 12:22-32
- ③ God loves to **turn his enemies into friends & family.**
Ezekiel 33:11, 14-15/ 1 Timothy 1:15-16/ Matthew 9:11-13

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Matthew 6:12-15
- ② Forgiveness starts with a **look in the mirror.**
Matthew 18:21-35/ Colossians 3:13
- ③ Forgiveness is not pretending **nothing happened.**
Jeremiah 31:34 & Genesis 7:24-8:1/ 2 Samuel 12:13-14

About OUR ENEMIES

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Romans 12:17-18/ 1 Peter 2:21-23
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1. Remembering both God's incredible provision of forgiveness and our need for it can help us become more generous in the forgiveness of others. The following verses take us back to the basics. Stop and reflect on each one and underline any key principles. How can each one help us grow in our ability and/or motivation to forgive?

Isaiah 53:6

Isaiah 59:1-3

Isaiah 55:6-7

Jeremiah 33:6-9

Colossians 3:12-15

2. We heard this weekend that it's never right to return "evil for evil" and seek our own revenge. That's easy to say, but hard to do because it can leave us feeling like the other person "got away with it." What can we learn from David's actions in 1 Samuel 24:1-13?

How does Psalm 139:17-24 help you balance forgiveness with asking God to "sic 'em"?

What is the most challenging aspect for you when it comes to not seeking your own justice or revenge?

3. Forgiving others frees us from the baggage that we pick up when we are unforgiving. Read Ephesians 4:30-31. Do you see any evidence or symptoms of a lack of forgiveness in your own life toward others or yourself?

How might the following verses help you forgive others or yourself?

Genesis 1:26-27

Romans 7:1-25 & 8:1-39

Philippians 2:3-4