

As We Forgive Those

AS YOU KNOW, there is no sin too great for God to forgive. To receive forgiveness from God I must

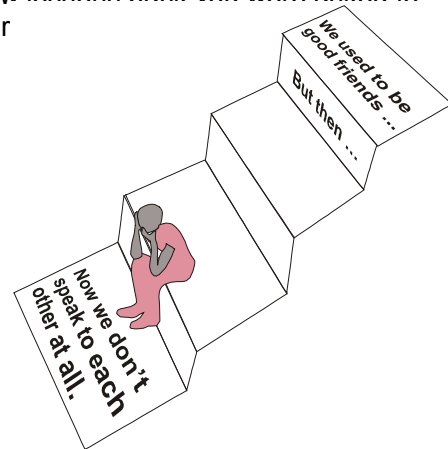
- be truly sorry for what I've done and want to make a fresh start;
- be willing to forgive others when they have hurt me.

Am I willing to forgive others?

We've all had times of falling out with another person. A few lessons back you were asked to trace the steps from being friends to being cold strangers

Discuss

- *What would you need to do to start climbing back up the steps?*
- *Why is it that good friends can become real enemies?*
- *Why is it that people don't make up with each other even though they want to?*



Jesus told another parable about sin and forgiveness (Mt 18:23-35). Read this parable carefully.



Discuss

- *Compare the first servant's debt with the second servant's. Which is greater? By how many times?*
- *When the first servant begged for more time to pay he received something better. What?*
- *What, for you, is the most memorable line in this parable? Why?*

To do

1 Recipe for Reconciliation

Write your recipe. Think about the 'ingredients' you'll need (see box). You might add your own special ingredients.

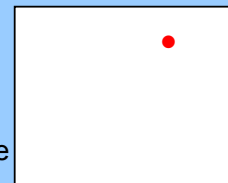
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| trust | understanding | saying sorry |
| forgiveness | kind words | other person's view |

2 Write a modern version of the parable above.

- 3 a) Write in three words or less what you see in the box beside.

- a) Did your answer agree with that below?

- c) What does this tell you about noticing another person's good points and bad points?



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