The Truth about Forgiveness

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John 16:33
"In this world you will have troubles…"

Matthew 6:12
"And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors."

Matthew 6:14-15
"For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. [15] But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins."

Psalm 51:4
"Against You and You alone have I sinned."

Genesis 39:9
"How then could I do such a wicked thing and sin against God?"

1 John 1:9
"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."

John 8:32
"You shall know the truth and the truth will set you free."

Truth #1
Forgiveness begins by re-thinking how you see your offender.

Truth #2
Forgiveness is a process.

Truth #3
Forgiveness cannot happen without prayer.

Ephesians 6:18
"And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests."

Truth #4
Forgiving and "Forgetting" is a myth.

Jeremiah 31:34
"I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more."

TRUTH #5
There is HUGE gap between forgiving someone and trusting someone.

TRUTH #6
Forgiveness may include doing good for your enemy.

Romans 12:21
"Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good."

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