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## Part 8 Weekly Challenges to Get Closer to God

### Challenge #10 Forgive Others

This is part of a yearly series “Weekly Challenges to Get Closer to God”. There are 26 challenges for 1 year. You concentrate on 1 thing for 1 week (every other week) and see what happens.

Forgiving others is mentioned in the Bible many times. Jesus expressed if we don’t forgive others, than God will not forgive us.

Forgiving does not mean allowing abuse to continue. We can still set boundaries and forgive. Try not to look to the past, but only look at the present and future. Thinking about past hurts and pains only lead to resentment. And resentment makes it very hard to forgive.

Do not try to forgive on your own. We need God’s help. Bring it to the Lord and let him touch your heart and minister to you. Ask God to help you stop thinking about the resentment you are experiencing. It’s not easy, but we can do anything when we let Jesus help us.

So this week, really concentrate and pray about forgiving those that you may still have resentment towards and see what happens. See how you get closer to God.

Here are some Bible verses to motivate you.

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

*Matthew 18:21-22 Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, “Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?” Jesus answered, “I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.*

*Philippians 3:13-14 Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.*

*Isaiah 43:18 “Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past.*

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