

## Forgiven and Forgiving > Matthew 6:12

**6:12a** *Forgiven...* This one verse contains one of the most difficult challenges imaginable. First, we are to call upon our Lord to forgive us. We are to trust him – not ourselves, not our works, not our own efforts – to do what we cannot do. We are to ask our Lord to do what we desperately need him to do for us, and what only he can bring about for us. This is nothing short of believing and living in light of the gospel.

**6:12b** *...as we forgive.* The second challenge comes in how we respond to what Christ has done: we must forgive others. We are to be so changed, our eyes so focused on our Savior and his cross, that we are more than willing to extend to others what Jesus has already extended to us.

**Background:** We continue in the second half of the Lord's Prayer, focusing upon trusting the Lord to meet our daily needs as we serve him and seek his kingdom.

**The Point:** The people of God are to be so changed by what Christ has done that our transformation shows up in how we release those who have wronged us from what they owe us.

**Head:** Know that the gospel really does change everything – that forgiveness from God comes to all who call on him.

**Heart:** Believe that Christ's forgiveness is for you, and that you follow Christ well when you extend that grace to others.

**Hands:** Who will you forgive this week? How will you do that? When will you do that?

**Here is how I will apply these truths:** \_\_\_\_\_

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