

## You don't have to Forgive Someone who Really Hurts You!

## Ephesians 4:32

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Key Truth: Forgiveness is your willingness, on your own, to simply write off the debt.

**The Lie:** Forgiveness is **overrated**. It is not all it is cracked up to be, and it is really only **reserved** for people who are on a Gandhi-like mission to change the world. But normal people — people who live in the real world — cannot **afford** to forgive. It just sets them up to get hurt again. And besides that, there are just some things that should not be forgiven.

**The Truth:** Jesus requires us to forgive all who wrong us, no matter how significant or **frequent** the offense.

**Rule** #1 – You should forgive others the way you would want others to forgive you. That is the **Golden** rule.

Rule #2 – You will be forgiven the way you forgive others. That is God's ule.

**Rule** #3 – The way you should forgive others is the way God has forgiven you. That is the **Grace** rule.

## **Principles**

We must forgive freely.

We must forgive fully.

We must forgive finally.