

## **"Jesus – MASTER of My Forgiving Attitude"**

Genesis 45:3-7

Hebrews 12:15 *"See to it that no one misses out on the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many."*

Ephesians 4:26 *"In your anger, do not sin. Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry..."*

### **1. Don't hold the offender accountable for the past**

Genesis 45:4 *"Then Joseph said to his brothers "Come close to me" When they had done so, he said, "I am your brother Joseph, the one you sold into Egypt !*

Genesis 50:20,21 *"You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. So then, don't be afraid, I will provide for you and your children." And he reassured them and spoke kindly to them.*

Matthew 5:39 *"Do not resist an evil person. If someone strikes you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also."*

Romans 12:20-21 *"If your enemy is hungry, feed him. If he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this you will heap burning coals on his head. Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good."*

2 Corinthians 5:10 *"For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad."*

### **2. We don't have to be Right – we do have to be Righteous**

Luke 6:35 *"Love your enemies. Do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back."*

Matthew 18:21-22 *"Then Peter came to Jesus and asked "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother when he sins against me, up to seven times ? Jesus answered "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy seven times."*

### **3. Forgiven people must be Forgiving people**

Matthew 18:23-35 *"Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him. Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt.*

*The servant fell on his knees before him "Be patient with me" he begged, "and I will*

*pay back everything." The servant's master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go. But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii. He grabbed him and began to choke him "Pay back what you owe me!" he demanded. His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him "Be patient with me, and I will pay you back." But he refused, instead he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. When the other servants saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and went and told their master everything that had happened.*

*Then the master called the servant in. "You wicked servant" he said "I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?" In anger his master turned him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed. This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother from your heart."*

*Romans 12:20-21 21 "If your enemy is hungry, feed him. If he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this you will heap burning coals on his head. Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good."*