

The Bible is full of people who learned to forgive. Esau forgave Jacob, and Joseph forgave the brothers who sold him into slavery. Job forgave the friends who ill-advised him, and Hosea forgave the wife who betrayed him. The prodigal son's father in Luke 15 is a model of forgiveness, and Stephen forgave those who stoned him to death. Paul forgave Mark, who had deserted him, and Philemon forgave Onesimus.

Whom can you forgive? Our ability to forgive others is proportional to our understanding of how God has forgiven us. When we forgive someone who hurt us, it not only follows Christ's example, but it also brings healing to our own souls and spirits. The Lord alone can give us forgiving hearts, and when He does, we cannot withhold forgiveness.

Matthew 6:12 "Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors."