



FORGIVENESS

WHY DO I NEED TO OFFER FORGIVENESS?

3 REASONS TO FORGIVE:

1. Because God has forgiven me.
(Ephesians 4:32, NIV)
2. Because resentment doesn't work.
(Ecclesiastes 7:9, NIV)
3. Because I'm going to need more forgiveness myself. *(Matthew 6:14-15, NIV)*

FORGIVENESS IS NOT...

- ...a free pass.
- ...minimizing the seriousness of the offense.
- ...the instant restoration of trust.

4 STEPS TO FORGIVENESS:

1. I recognize that we are all imperfect.
2. I give up my right to get even.
(Romans 12:17-19, NIV)
3. I respond to the evil with good.
(Luke 6:27-28, NIV)
4. I refocus on God's plan for my life.