

# HOUSE OF GRACE

## Part 5: I Forgive You

**Text: Luke 7:41-50**

### Grace of Forgiveness

1. Our sins are forgiven: Hebrews 9:26-28
2. We are seen complete by the Lord: Hebrews 10:14
3. Our conscience is clear: Hebrews 9:14
4. We have confidence to approach the throne of God: Hebrews 10:19, 20

Mark 12:31 | Galatians 5:14, 15

**I am unable to show true love to others until I learn to**

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ **what the Lord has done for me.**

1 Corinthians 15:10 | 2 Samuel 12:20 | 2 Samuel 12:24, 25

Galatians 1:13 (NLT) You know what I was like when I followed the Jewish religion—how I violently persecuted the Christians. I did my best to get rid of them. (14) I was one of the most religious Jews of my own age, and I tried as hard as possible to follow all the old traditions of my religion. (15) But then something happened! For it pleased God in his kindness to choose me and call me, even before I was born! What undeserved mercy! (16) Then he revealed his Son to me so that I could proclaim the Good News about Jesus to the Gentiles. When all this happened to me, I did not rush out to consult with anyone else ...

Luke 7:41-50

**When I begin to realize how much grace the Lord has**

\_\_\_\_\_ **to me by forgiving me of my sins, it is easier to forgive those who have violated me.**

Luke 17:3-5 | Matthew 18:28-34 | Mark 11:24

Hebrews 10:30 | 2 Samuel 13:20-29

Genesis 50:15 (NLT) But now that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers became afraid. "Now Joseph will pay us back for all the evil we did to him," they said. (16) So they sent this message to Joseph: "Before your father died, he instructed us (17) to say to you: 'Forgive your brothers for the great evil they did to you.' So we, the servants of the God of your father, beg you to forgive us." When Joseph received the message, he broke down and wept. (18) Then his brothers came and bowed low before him. "We are your slaves," they said. (19) But Joseph told them, "Don't be afraid of me. Am I God, to judge and punish you? (20) As far as I am concerned, God turned into good what you meant for evil. He brought me to the high position I have today so I could save the lives of many people. (21) No, don't be afraid. Indeed, I myself will take care of you and your families." And he spoke very kindly to them, reassuring them.

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Acts 7:54-56 | Hebrews 12:2

**Stephen was able to \_\_\_\_\_ forgiveness toward those stoning him since he had his focus on the Lord.**

John 20:23 (Message) "If you forgive someone's sins, they're gone for good. If you don't forgive sins, what are you going to do with them?"

1 Corinthians 11:27-32

**I need to release forgiveness to those who have violated me by committing the people and the violation to the Lord.**

1 Peter 2:3 | 1 Peter 2:23, 24 | Acts 20:32

### Steps to follow:

1. Forgive
2. Commit them to the Lord
3. Ask the Lord to heal your scars and to cleanse the toxic remembrance
4. Begin to speak blessings on the offender

### D12 Group Discussion Questions

1. Have people share their gratitude to the Lord for what He has done in their lives.
2. Talk about David and Bathsheba in 2 Samuel 12:20-25 and discuss how Bathsheba's ability to forgive had to come from the Lord.
3. Talk about forgiving people who have offended you and then act on forgiving them.
4. Discuss Stephen's ability to forgive those who were going to kill him.
5. Discuss the four steps to forgiving others.