

# BIG FEELINGS

## Why Should I Forgive?

### Proverbs 18:19 (TLB)

<sup>19</sup> It is **harder to win back the friendship** of an offended brother **than to capture a fortified city**. His **anger** shuts you out like iron bars.

### What Forgiveness is not:

1. Forgiveness is not condoning
2. Forgiveness is not forgetting
3. Forgiving doesn't always mean reconciling

### Colossians 3:13 (NLT)

<sup>13</sup> Make allowance for each other's faults, and **forgive anyone who offends you**. Remember, the Lord forgave you, **so you must forgive others**.

### What Forgiveness is:

1. Forgiveness is cancelling a debt that is owed to you
2. Forgiveness is personal
3. Forgiveness is necessary

**FORGIVENESS** = To **renounce anger** or resentment against, To **absolve from payment** of

### Matthew 18:23-33 (NLT)

<sup>23</sup> "Therefore, the Kingdom of Heaven can be compared to a king who decided to bring his accounts up to date with servants who had borrowed money from him. <sup>24</sup> In the process, one of his debtors was brought in who **owed him millions of dollars**. <sup>25</sup> He couldn't pay, so his master ordered that he be sold—along with his wife, his children, and everything he owned—to pay the debt. <sup>26</sup> "But the man fell down before his master and begged him, 'Please, be patient with me, and I will pay it all.' <sup>27</sup> **Then his master was filled with pity for him, and he released him and forgave his debt.**

<sup>28</sup> "But when the man left the king, he went to a fellow servant who owed him a **few thousand dollars**. He grabbed

him by the throat and demanded instant payment.<sup>29</sup> “His fellow servant fell down before him and begged for a little more time. ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay it,’ he pleaded.<sup>30</sup> But his creditor **wouldn’t wait**. He had the man arrested and put in prison until the debt could be paid in full.

<sup>31</sup> “When some of the other servants saw this, they were very upset. They went to the king and told him everything that had happened.<sup>32</sup> Then the king called in the man he had forgiven and said, ‘You evil servant! **I forgave you that tremendous debt because you pleaded with me.**<sup>33</sup> **Shouldn’t you have mercy on your fellow servant, just as I had mercy on you?’**

## **WE FORGIVE OTHERS BECAUSE HE FIRST FORGAVE US**

**“When you forgive someone you set a prisoner free... only to discover that you’re the prisoner.”** – Lewis Smedes

### **Ephesians 4:31-32 (NIV)**

<sup>31</sup> **Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger,** brawling and slander, along with every form of malice.<sup>32</sup> Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, **just as in Christ God forgave you.**