

# BELTWAY PARK

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## Christmas Through The Eyes Of... Rahab and Bathsheba December 11, 2011

*Text: Matthew 1:5-6 (p. 955)*

At one level we know it is true – Jesus is enough for \_\_\_\_\_ sin.

Part of the journey of faith - the process of growing to be like Jesus as His followers – is that \_\_\_\_\_ answers must become \_\_\_\_\_ answers.

**The \_\_\_\_\_ of God’s forgiveness are both wonderful and offensive.**

It seems that from the very beginning of Jesus’ story God wants to slap us across the face with the grandness of our \_\_\_\_\_ and the greater grandness of His \_\_\_\_\_.

Jesus came that people might be forgiven, even those we think have crossed a line and are “\_\_\_\_\_” (including ourselves).

**God’s \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ forgiveness is both wonderful AND offensive.**

God couldn’t be any clearer on this issue. Extending forgiveness to others is not an option, and the consequences of unforgiveness are utterly \_\_\_\_\_! (*Mt. 6:12-15; 18:21-35*)

Unforgiveness impairs our \_\_\_\_\_ with God. And unforgiveness gives Satan legal rights to \_\_\_\_\_ our lives.

As right as bitterness, unforgiveness, and the longing for revenge feel, it is a \_\_\_\_\_ – and many, many people are hooked.



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We must regularly \_\_\_\_\_ on what God has done for us in Jesus.

The standard for forgiving someone else isn't to weigh the offense of what someone has done to me, but to weigh the \_\_\_\_\_ God has given me in Jesus.

Unforgiveness says that I have lost sight of or don't yet truly \_\_\_\_\_ the depths of what I've been forgiven. It says I need more revelation of the actual depths of what I've been forgiven.

We must know what forgiveness \_\_\_\_\_.

Forgiveness is not \_\_\_\_\_. We will most likely never forget the ways we have been hurt.

Forgiveness is not the same as \_\_\_\_\_. Forgiveness doesn't mean things automatically go back to the way they were.

We must know what forgiveness \_\_\_\_\_.

Forgiveness is agreeing to live with \_\_\_\_\_ of another person's sin. Reality is – we're going to do this any way. We are simply choosing whether we do this in the bondage of bitterness or in the freedom of forgiveness.

Forgiveness is choosing not to hold someone's sin against them. It is \_\_\_\_\_ to bring up old issues with the person who wronged us or with others who will listen.

Forgiveness is leaving \_\_\_\_\_ and justice to God.

Forgiveness is not a \_\_\_\_\_, but a \_\_\_\_\_ we make by faith.

Forgiveness is a \_\_\_\_\_. Often forgiveness is a choice we must make regularly until the wound is healed.

