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²⁵ But when you are praying, first forgive anyone you are holding a grudge against, so that your Father in heaven will forgive your sins, too.” Mark 11:25 (NLT)

Who Hurt You

Why Should You Forgive?

- Because unforgiveness _____ you.

¹⁵ Look after each other so that none of you fails to receive the grace of God. Watch out that no poisonous root of bitterness grows up to trouble you, corrupting many. Hebrews 12:15 (NLT)

- Because You'll need _____ again.

¹⁴ "If you forgive others the wrongs they have done to you, your Father in heaven will also forgive you. ¹⁵ But if you do not forgive others, then your Father will not forgive the wrongs you have done. Matthew 6:14-15 (TEV)

³² "Then the master called the servant in. 'You wicked servant,' he said, 'I canceled all that debt of yours

because you begged me to. ³³ Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?' ³⁴ In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed. ³⁵ "This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart." Matthew 18:32-35 (NIV2011)

How Can I Forgive Someone Who Hurt Me?

1. Pray for those who _____ you.

⁴³ "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' ⁴⁴ But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, Matthew 5:43-44 (NRSV)

2. Forgive as you've been _____.

¹³ Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others. Colossians 3:13 (NLT)

My Next Step Today Is To...

- Become a child of God by giving Him my past and receiving his forgiveness.
- Let go of the hurt that I have been holding on to by forgiving someone who has hurt me.
- Pray for God to work in my heart so that, soon, I can forgive.
- Meditate on and/or memorize Colossians 3:13