

Fellowship Notes

Christmas is Forgiving

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(Matthew 5:23-25 NLT) *“So if you are presenting a sacrifice at the altar in the Temple and you suddenly remember that someone has something against you, leave your sacrifice there at the altar. Go and be reconciled to that person. Then come and offer your sacrifice to God. When you are on the way to court with your adversary, settle your differences quickly. Otherwise, your accuser may hand you over to the judge, who will hand you over to an officer, and you will be thrown into prison.”*

Initiating Forgiveness

1. Stop and acknowledge those _____ have _____.

- ▶ We judge others by their _____.
- ▶ We judge ourselves by our _____.

CRITICAL QUESTION: Who have I _____?

2. Drop everything to _____ it _____.

(Matthew 5:24,25a NLT) *“...leave your sacrifice there at the altar. Go and be reconciled to that person...settle your differences quickly.”*

(Proverbs 6:2-5) *“...if you have been trapped by what you said...then do this...to free yourself...Go and humble yourself...plea with your neighbor! Allow no sleep to your eyes, no slumber to your eyelids. Free yourself...”*

(Romans 12:18) *“If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.”*

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Christmas Is Forgiving - Part 2 - Initiating Forgiveness

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CRITICAL QUESTION: Who do I need to _____?

3. Give your _____ and _____ to God.

(Matthew 5:24b NLT) *“Go and be reconciled to that person. Then come and offer your sacrifice to God.”*

(Romans 12:1 NLT) *“And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him.”*

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1. Stop and acknowledge those **YOU** have **HURT**.

- ▶ We judge others by their **ACTIONS**.
- ▶ We judge ourselves by our **INTENTIONS**.

CRITICAL QUESTION: Who have I **HURT**?

2. Drop everything to **MAKE** it **RIGHT**.

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CRITICAL QUESTION: Who do I need to **APPROACH**?

3. Give your **HEART** and **GIFTS** to God.

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