



### CONNECTION QUESTION

Look up “Cindy Winters Forgiving a Killer” on Youtube ([https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CjkbFZ\\_c6ss](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CjkbFZ_c6ss)) and watch this interview of a pastor’s wife whose husband was gunned down during a church service. What did she share about forgiveness that caught your attention?

### BRINGING THE BIBLE TO LIFE

One of the hardest parts of forgiving is getting past the hurt we feel for what has taken place especially when the other person doesn’t apologize or try to make the situation right. How could the following verses help someone who is holding onto bitterness or feeling that certain people don’t deserve to be forgiven?

- Ecclesiastes 7:20
- Romans 3:23
- 1 John 4:19-21



Forgiveness does not necessarily mean we forget an offense or trust the offending person again. How could the following verses help someone to be more discerning about who to trust and who not to trust in the future?

- Colossians 2:6-8
- 1 Timothy 6:3-5
- Matthew 7:18-20

Sometimes we think of forgiving others like it is extra credit. According to the following verses, how does holding onto bitterness and not forgiving affect our relationship with God?

- Luke 6:37
- Matthew 6:14-15

### TAKE IT HOME

What is the most important thing to remember? What is the most important action to take?