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ONE ANOTHERING – PART 9
FORGIVE ONE ANOTHER
Ephesians 4:31-32 / Colossians 3:12-13
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Ephesians 4:31-32 Get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words, and slander, as well as all types of evil behavior. Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you.

Colossians 3:12-13 Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

Whenever we are hurt by someone, we must make a choice:
Will we fume or will we forgive.

Forgiveness does not mean...

- We ignore a wrong.
- We no longer desire justice.
- We forget the wrong.
- Reconciliation has occurred or ever will.

Biblical forgiveness is the decision to release someone from the debt they owe and the blame they deserve.

- Forgiveness is a choice.
- Forgiveness is unconditional.

Jesus showed us how to forgive!

If you cannot forgive, it may be because you have never truly experienced God's forgiveness.