

## **FORGIVENESS helps move Mountains by Jarrod Davidoff October 20, 2019**

**Mark 11:22-24** So Jesus answered and said to them, “Have faith in God. (Have the God kind of faith, Have faith like God) For assuredly, I say to you (THAT’S US TODAY, RIGHT HERE AND NOW, SO PLEASE LISTEN UP), whoever says (1st TIME) to this mountain, ‘Be removed and be cast into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things (what are those things you asking for) he says (2nd TIME) will be done, he will have whatever he says (3rd TIME). Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask (4th TIME) when you pray, believe that you receive them , and you will have them.

**Mark 11:25-26** “And (a conjunction/ a condition) whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses. But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father in heaven forgive your trespasses.”

**Unforgiveness** is a clause in the contract that hinders our mountains being moved out of our lives.

Take this microwave for example:

You put food in it, sit down for 20 min and when you go to open it it hasn’t cooked anything

You need to press the **START BUTTON**

**Forgiveness starts the start button of faith to move the mountain out of your life**

**Definition of forgive:**

1: to cease to feel resentment against (an offender) :

2a: to give up resentment of or claim to requital

For forgive an insult

b: to grant relief from payment of forgive a debt

**Definition of pardon:**

-the excusing of an offense without exacting a penalty

le : offered a pardon to the draft evader

-a release from the legal penalties of an offense

**Forgiveness is**

**Releasing them to God  
To draw a line through the debt**

**Ephesians 4:31-32** Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God in Christ forgave you.

**Matthew 6:14** "For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.

**Luke 17:3-4** Take heed to yourselves. If your brother sins against you, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him. And if he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times in a day returns to you, saying, 'I repent,' you shall forgive him."

**My personal testimony:**

I was bullied at school  
I was bullied in the army  
I faced challenges in the ministry

**4 warnings against unforgiveness:**

**1st offense:** Let's say someone hurts you in some way that is the original infliction.

They lied, hurt or stole from you. This may have caused you pain, loss, embarrassment and shame

**2nd offense:** By holding onto that unforgiveness, causes God not to forgive you.

So by not releasing them you are entangling yourself with bondage and also causing your relationship with God to be strained.

**3rd offense:** This unforgiveness now causes a mountain to be erected and remain in your life. Mountain of offense, unforgiveness, bitterness, resentment.

Whatever is not done in faith is sin, so if you can't forgive, you move out of faith AND that's sin

**4th offense:** That unforgiveness keeps you back from fulfilling your mission, your God assignment and assignments

If anyone had the right to harbor unforgiveness, it was Jesus.

**Looking unto Jesus.**

**Hebrews 12:1-2** Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

It's important for us to look at Jesus as our role model

I mean here He is the Son of God. He comes down to earth to help and save people and look how He was treated by many

Mocked and ridiculed

Spat and sworn at

Beaten

Whipped 39 times

## Crucified

And this after doing the most incredible miracles known to man.

Even on the Cross He said 'Father kill them...no...we would have

He said Father ***forgive them, they know not what they do***

### **JOSEPH'S EXAMPLE:**

I would like us to focus on this spiritual dynamic that will be the guarantee for your mountains to be moved out of your life.

I think that the poster boy for forgiveness in the bible is Joseph.

Genesis 37 we read of

Here he was a young teenager of 17 with big dreams and vision for the future that He received from GOD. He shared them with his family, yet unfortunately most of his brothers and even his dad, didn't quite see it that way.

Josephs test was to walk in constant forgiveness

There were many tests of forgiveness in Josephs life journey.

### **FAMILY STRIFE**

Does this sound familiar to you?

His brothers and dad (family and church family)

**Genesis 37 :4-5 & 8 & 18** But when his brothers saw that their father (JACOB) loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him and could not speak peaceably to him.

After, he shared his dream with his brothers

And his brothers said to him, “Shall you indeed reign over us? Or shall you indeed have dominion over us?” So they hated him even more for his dreams and for his words.

Now when they saw him afar off, even before he came near them, they conspired against him to kill him.

**Romans 14:19-20** Therefore let us pursue the things which make for peace and the things by which one may edify another. Do not destroy the work of God for the sake of food. All things indeed are pure, but it is evil for the man who eats with offense.

His brothers took offense at him as he had big dreams. Bets to make sure that when people share their big dreams with us we are happy for them, supportive and will help them. If you help make peoples dreams come true, they will help you with yours.

Jealousy turned to resentment which turned to violence and some brothers suggested they kill him.

Yet his brother Ruben convinced them to throw him into a pit and Judah convinced them to sell him as a slave, while planning to pull him out in the night.

Just imagine the shock and betrayal that Joseph must have felt. I mean for 17 years he growing up with these guys. Wrestling together, eating, playing, schooling together.

I think we have all been there at one or more times in our lives.

A best friend  
Spouse  
Work colleague  
Team member  
Business partner

Yet the plan was spoiled when some Ishmaelites traders came and the brothers sold him into slavery. They went on their travels to Egypt and sold him as a slave to a wealthy politician and military officer called Potiphar.

What happened from the time he was thrown into the pit to the time he got to Potiphers house.

Not a lot is said yet its remarkable the attitude he displayed when he got to the house. He was determined in his heart that God had his back. Now it certainly didn't look like it, in fact every sensible person would argue that it was all over for poor Joe. He must have sin in his life. He must have missed it for all this to be happening in his life.

Yet James 1 was alive in his heart, though it had still not been written.

**James 1:2-8** My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing. If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

The result of him walking in unforgiveness gave him favor in his next season and in that season he prospered.

### **The Lord prospered him with Potipher:**

**Genesis 39:1-5** Now Joseph had been taken down to Egypt. And Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, captain of the guard, an Egyptian, bought him from the Ishmaelites who had taken him down there. The Lord was with Joseph, and he was a successful man; and he was in the house of his master the Egyptian. And his master saw that the Lord was with him and that the Lord made all he did to prosper in his hand. So Joseph found favor in his sight, and served him. Then he made him overseer of his house, and all that he had he put under his authority. So it was, from the time that he had made

him overseer of his house and all that he had, that the Lord blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake; and the blessing of the Lord was on all that he had in the house and in the field.

His next test of unforgiveness was:

## 2. FALSE ACCUSATIONS

His next test of unforgiveness was a sexual test with Potiphar's wife

Joseph was wrongly accused of rape

**Genesis 39:6-20** Now Joseph was handsome in form and appearance.

And it came to pass after these things that his master's wife cast longing eyes on Joseph, and she said, "Lie with me."

But he refused and said to his master's wife...

So it was, as she spoke to Joseph day by day, that he did not heed her, to lie with her or to be with her.

But it happened about this time, when Joseph went into the house to do his work, and none of the men of the house was inside, that she caught him by his garment, saying, "Lie with me." But he left his garment in her hand, and fled and ran outside. And so it was, when she saw that he had left his garment in her hand and fled outside, that she called to the men of her house and spoke to them, saying, "See, he has brought in to us a Hebrew to mock us. He came in to me to lie with me, and I cried out with a loud voice. And it happened, when he heard that I lifted my voice and cried out, that he left his garment with me, and fled and went outside."

So she kept his garment with her until his master came home. Then she spoke to him with words like these, saying, "The Hebrew servant whom you brought to us came in to me to mock me; so it happened, as I lifted my voice and cried out, that he left his garment with me and fled outside."

So it was, when his master heard the words which his wife spoke to him, saying, "Your servant did to me after this manner," that his anger was

aroused. Then Joseph's master took him and put him into the prison, a place where the king's prisoners were confined. And he was there in the prison.

### 3. UNFAIR WORK DISMISSAL AND ARREST

Potiphar (His boss)

Yet because he chose to forgive

**Psalm 6:6-7** For exaltation comes neither from the east

Nor from the west nor from the south.

But God is the Judge: He puts down one, And exalts another.

#### **The Lord prospered him in the prison:**

**Genesis 39:21-23** But the Lord was with Joseph and showed him mercy, and He gave him favor in the sight of the keeper of the prison. And the keeper of the prison committed to Joseph's hand all the prisoners who were in the prison; whatever they did there, it was his doing. The keeper of the prison did not look into anything that was under Joseph's authority, because the Lord was with him; and whatever he did, the Lord made it prosper.

### 4. EXPECTATION TEST

The cup bearer (work colleagues and expectations )

**Genesis 40:23** Yet the chief butler did not remember Joseph, but forgot him.

**Genesis 41:1 & 9-12** Then it came to pass, at the end of two full years, that Pharaoh had a dream

Then the chief butler spoke to Pharaoh, saying: "I remember my faults this day. When Pharaoh was angry with his servants, and put me in custody in the house of the captain of the guard, both me and the chief baker, we each had a dream in one night, he and I. Each of us dreamed according to



the interpretation of his own dream. Now there was a young Hebrew man with us there, a servant of the captain of the guard. And we told him, and he interpreted our dreams for us; to each man he interpreted according to his own dream.

### **Divine Promotion**

**Genesis 41:37-41** So the advice was good in the eyes of Pharaoh and in the eyes of all his servants. And Pharaoh said to his servants, “Can we find such a one as this, a man in whom is the Spirit of God?”

Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, “Inasmuch as God has shown you all this, there is no one as discerning and wise as you. You shall be over my house, and all my people shall be ruled according to your word; only in regard to the throne will I be greater than you.” And Pharaoh said to Joseph, “See, I have set you over all the land of Egypt.”

Joseph’s final test was his attitude to his brothers

**Genesis 45:1-10** Then Joseph could not restrain himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, “Make everyone go out from me!” So no one stood with him while Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept aloud, and the Egyptians and the house of Pharaoh heard it.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph; does my father still live?” But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed in his presence. And Joseph said to his brothers, “Please come near to me.” So they came near. Then he said: “I am Joseph your brother, whom you sold into Egypt. But now, do not therefore be grieved or angry with yourselves because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For these two years the famine has been in the land, and there are still five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvesting. And God sent me before you to preserve a posterity for you in the earth, and to save your lives by a great deliverance. So now it was not you who sent me here, but God; and He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house, and a ruler throughout all the land of Egypt.

“Hurry and go up to my father, and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph: “God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not tarry. You shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near to me, you and your children, your children’s children, your flocks and your herds, and all that you have. There I will provide for you, lest you and your household, and all that you have, come to poverty; for there are still five years of famine.” ’

## **Unforgiveness**

Towards God

Towards others

They will overlook you

You have to believe God has your best interests at heart

If you have tried yet they ignore you, don’t return your messages, it’s God’s

### 3. Towards myself

Insecurity comes from not loving yourself

He gives you the grace you need to do it

I **Peter 3:11** Let him turn away from evil and do good;

Let him seek peace and pursue it.

You can’t have strife and unforgiveness

**Matthew 18:15-17** “Moreover if your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he hears you, you have gained your brother. But if he will not hear, take with you one or two more, that ‘by the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.’ And if he refuses to hear them, tell it to the church. But if he refuses even to hear the church, let him be to you like a heathen and a tax collector.

Don't allow a deep hurt to develop

Unforgiveness is like drinking poison and expecting the other person to die

Forgiveness deals with your heart, not the other persons conduct

Unforgiveness is not changed by time, even if the other person has died

Greatest example Jesus on the Cross

They know what they do

We have that grace to forgive because of what Jesus did for us

Your forgiveness releases Gods forgiveness to you

### **Matthew 6:14**

When you have a divine revelation of Gods love (Agape Love-God kind of love), its easy to forgive

To have God kind of faith, you need God kind of love

To have God kind of Love, look at Jesus

When you lease someone with forgiveness

Your miracle is accelerated

As you sow you will reap

Seed, time and harvest

As you sow forgiveness, the time to receive your harvest is accelerated

The quicker you start forgiving

The quicker you start receiving

It's a no brainer

## **I Corinthians 13-4,5,6,7**

### **FORGIVE**

Unforgiveness is a source self pity

Depression is suppressed anger

Forgive your dad and mom

Your work colleague

How you were used and abused

They wronged you the first time, don't give them the power to do it again by robbing you from your miracle