

“Then Peter came up and said to him, ‘Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?’ Jesus said to him, ‘I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times.’” Matthew 18:21-22 ESV

Have you forgotten about forgiveness? It seems as though much of our world has! Too many are holding on to past hurts like they are a badge of honor (isn't that counter productive not to mention self-destructive?).

And when did forgiveness become a group thing? Maybe I'm off kilter, but we sin as individuals, we repent as individuals and we seek forgiveness as individuals. You cannot lump a group together – no matter how homogeneous they may appear on the outside – and demand some form of group-speak act of attrition! I don't believe our faith operates that way!

So, here's the thing . . . if you've wronged someone, then it's your responsibility to seek forgiveness. If you've been wronged by an individual and forgiveness is sought, then it's your responsibility to forgive!

Forgiveness is an up-close, intensely personal, spiritual act that demands forethought and passion! And that's just the tip of the proverbial iceberg!

I welcome your comments if you have more to add.

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