



**SOMETHING'S
MISSING**

What's Missing?

Trust
Submission
Obedience



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Forgiven

Defined: Release (an offender) from the consequences of an offense or conviction, and often implicitly from blame.



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Dealing with Life's TRASH



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The Struggle for Forgiveness Peter (4 Stops)



The first "REAL" Meeting with Jesus

When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!"

Luke 5:8



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Community
Crowd
Connected
Committed



Peter has a
TRASH
Problem



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Struggle with forgiveness or struggle with being forgiven?

Then Peter came to Jesus and asked,
“Lord, how many times shall I forgive my
brother or sister who sins against me?
Up to seven times?”

Matthew 18:21



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**We are also called to "protect"
the church from
divisive "believers"**



Peter's Question

How many chances
do I give them?



Peter's Question
How many chances
do I get?



The Math

**We quote Jesus' answer as 7X70
which is 490**



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**You could also translate it as 7 to the 70th or
143,503,601,609,868,434,285,603,076,
356,671,071,740,077,383,739,246,066,
639,249**



Jesus' Answer
Higher than you
want to keep
track of



Jesus' Answer

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what you are willing to accept
forgiveness for**



Jesus' Answer

**God's is willing to forgive
what you are willing to accept
forgiveness for
He is only willing to forgive that
which you are willing to give**



The Denial

“Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift all of you as wheat. But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.” But he replied, “Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death.” Jesus answered, “I tell you, Peter, before the rooster crows today, you will deny three times that you know me.”

Luke 22:31-34



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Forgiveness Reality

**When you embrace forgiveness
you can strengthen
your brothers and sisters
in Christ by assuring them
God can forgive**



Carrying the Load of Trash

“I’m going out to fish,” Simon Peter told them, and they said, “We’ll go with you.” So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

John 21:3



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**In that moment Jesus did not confront
Peter's sin but instead addressed
his love for him and called him
to minister to others**



Jesus' Answer

**Put the trash away, focus
on the person of Christ,
and tell others about
the mercy you received**



Did Peter get
the message?



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**Do you see the maturing
of his understanding?**



We never really
hand over the bag of
TRASH
(We need it to feel forgiven)



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2 Peter 5-9

For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love. For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. But whoever does not have them is nearsighted and blind, forgetting that they have been cleansed from their past sins.





Forgiveness

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