



Importance of Forgiveness – Jemima Rayan

Forgiveness plays a key role in our spiritual walk. It helps us to develop godly relationships. On the contrary, unforgiveness makes our prayers ineffective, paralyzes our strength and prevents us from receiving our healing. Unforgiveness is dangerous!

Jesus said in [Mark 11:25](#), "And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone forgive him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses". He does not give us a choice that when you stand praying, try and forgive if you can. But instead He commands us to "forgive". He is never unjust to command something that we cannot do. One of the dead weights that keep people from living a successful Christian life is the fact that they harbor resentment in their hearts. The Bible instructs us to lay aside every weight and the sin that so easily ensnares us (Heb 12:1). Paul says, 'Forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus (Phil 3: 13, 14)'. I believe, when he said "forgetting those things" what he meant was that we 'should not dwell on the past'. It is definitely hard to forget the past hurts or erase any painful memories. But what we can do is willingly choose not to remember them, rehearse them or dwell on them.

We can really live a life of peace and tranquility if we have the 'will to forgive'! Jesus said in [Matthew 6:15](#), "If you are not willing to forgive other people their trespasses against you, then your Father in heaven is going to be unwilling to forgive you your trespasses." Unless we forgive others, we would not be forgiven of our trespasses no matter how hard we seek God for it. In order to be forgiven, we first need to be forgiving. Most often, people 'try to bury their past' without dealing with life's issues. They sweep in under the rug wanting to cover it as much as they can. They conceal every rage and resentment with a smile on the outside. But it does not take much longer to show up in an ugly way, often pushing them to make wrong decisions in life. Why so? The reason is every unresolved resentment tries to escape in any possible way it could. Hatred and bitterness are like poison that will intoxicate us little by little without our own knowledge. It is truly unworthy to hold on to it. The longer we hold on to it, the harder it is to get rid of it. The Bible says, "Anger rests in the bosom of fools" ([Pro 7: 9](#)). Do we have anger in your heart? If yes, the Bible calls us fools.

First of all, determine in your heart not to hold on to the resentment. Secondly, give every resentment to the Lord one hundred percent instead of trying hard to resolve it in your own fleshly strength. Jesus said, 'Come to me all you who labour and heavy laden and I will give you rest' ([Matt 11: 28](#)). Jesus himself gives us a personal invitation to give them all to Him! So we must seek God's help. Pray, "Lord, I turn all my burden to you. Search my heart and show me the reason for my hurt and I am willing to forgive". When we willingly take a stand before God refusing to live a life of unforgiveness and desire sincerely to forgive everyone who has ever caused us pain, God would enable us to forgive, no matter how deficient we are in our strength. You've just got to make up your mind to release all of that hurt, pain and bitterness. Finally, do not be moved by feelings. Forgiveness is an act of the will, and not mere feelings. When we refuse to dwell on our negative feelings towards someone and look for opportunities to bless that person, both in word and in deed, as time goes by, it brings in us a change for our betterment. When symptoms of unforgiveness well up inside of us, instead of yielding to it, we must verbalize our will to forgive by speaking words in faith like "I have forgiven that person by an act of my will. In the Name of Jesus, I am not moved by what I hear or how I feel. I praise the Lord for His grace on me to forgive". By so doing, we allow the faith and the love of God to rule over our negative feelings. The good news is 'with God all things are possible'. God's word says, 'If you remember that your brother has something against you, you need to reconcile to your brother' ([Matt 5:23, 24](#)). Many people have a real hang-up with this scripture. The Word of God does not say "if you have something against your brother" but instead it says "if your brother has something against you." The best way to go is to get forgiveness from such a person too. Be encouraged today to go that extra mile!

The second commandment that Jesus taught is 'Love your neighbor as yourself' ([Matt 22:40](#)). The words 'brother' or 'neighbor' simply refers to all those whom we meet in our everyday life. The Bible instructs us to 'have a fervent love for one another, for love will cover a multitude of sins' ([1 Pet 4:8](#)). Christ's love in us should be so much greater and compelling that other's shortcomings become negligible and covered by it. How wonderful would it be if every Christian gets to that place of perfection!

Are you in a position today where you think you would never be able to forgive and love someone again? When we refuse to forgive someone, what we do is we neither hurt that person nor harm God. But we only end up hurting ourselves. Therefore as we sincerely make a choice to seek God's help and to forgive, very soon we would be surprised to see ourselves embracing that very person in love.

May the Lord help us to live a life of forgiveness in the mighty name of Jesus!

Vision - Cyril Rayan



Is there anything worse than not having your sight? Oh yes it would be much worse to have your sight, but not to have vision. – Helen Keller

The Greek word for vision is “hazon” which means to see. The Hebrew word is “optasia” which means coming into view.

Vision is given by God to paint the picture of your purpose with clarity which produces the passion in you to run the race for the LORD. It is vision that makes the unseen visible and the unknown possible. Vision generates hope in the midst of despair and provides endurance in tribulation. Vision is the foundation of courage and the fuel of persistence.

Proverbs 29:18 Where there is no vision, the people perish; But happy is he who keeps the law.

Where there is no vision or revelation of the future people throw off self-control, personal discipline and restraint. Vision is the source of personal discipline. Vision will enable you to be disciplined and keep the law.

William Carey father of modern missions saw the vision of how the nations can be impacted if we send out missionaries. He became the first missionary in modern missions to India and transforming the land of India through social transformation (Sati was abolished) through spiritual transformation by translating

the Bible in several languages. He really struggled the first seven years losing his child and wife but still continued on to accomplish his vision.

Without the vision you will go back to your past

Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We are going with you also." They went out and immediately got into the boat, and that night they caught nothing. – John 21:3

The context here is after the LORD’s resurrection and before His ascension, Simon Peter convinced the other disciples of Jesus to go back to fishing which was their past profession. They had not captured the vision that the LORD had inspired in their hearts. Similarly if you have not captured the God-given vision for your life you will go back to your past.

Have you seen people talk about the good old days? They have no vision for the future. We should be talking about the great new days and the vision that you are striving for. If your past is more glorious than your future you do not have a vision.

Let us seek God’s face to discover our God given vision! Lord Jesus show me the vision for my life that you have purposed and I will follow it through.

Testimony Corner



Twin Brothers receive the Baptism in the Holy Spirit

Sis. Jemima spoke on the "outpouring of the Holy Spirit". After the service, I met her. She asked me if I would like to receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit and I said yes. She put her hands on me. It was like the Holy Spirit coming down and filling the room. I could not quite describe in words what I felt! I fell down under the power of God. It was because of the mighty anointing of the Holy Spirit. Glory to God!

-Ani Purohith, Seattle WA

Sis. Jemima shared the message about anointing and outpouring of the Holy Spirit in the Sunday morning service. I said to myself, "This is exactly what I want to have in my life". So I cried out to God to give me the anointing of the Holy Spirit. After the service I met sis. Jemima and told her of my yearning for the Holy Spirit. She laid hands on me and prayed. At that moment the Holy Spirit came upon me. I spoke in tongues. My life has been changed. Praise the Lord!

-Adi Purohit, Seattle WA

Ministry Launched

During Cyril’s course, I raised my hand when he asked if anyone had a ‘vision’ that they would like to bring to reality. I would like to thank Cyril for his innovative book and obedience to the Lord in doing his best to bring to the forefront of our minds what needs to be done in order for a vision to become a reality. God has blessed him with a vision and a succinct way of expressing it that we can all understand. Thank you Cyril, after your class my life has never been the same. Whole Hearted Ministries has been launched!

-Jeff & Jessica, San Jose, CA

Arise and Shine in 2009 — Anointing Conferences



The anointing conferences with bro. Sam Jebadurai was a blessing both in the east and the west coast. God did great things in our midst. Men, women and children were all touched by the power of the Holy Spirit. The messages were powerful and the anointing so strong. Our team worked so hard at every level. Bro. Sam Jebadurai mentioned that the offering was generous and it was good to plant two churches in India. May the Lord richly bless everyone that stood with us in prayer and support. To God be the glory great thing He has done!



MONTHLY MEETINGS

- ◆ **“Vision2Reality”** a leadership development event for both men and women

On the first Saturday at 3: 00 p. m PST

**Venue : North Valley Christian Fellowship
919 Hanson Ct. Milpitas, CA 95035.**

- ◆ **“The King’s Bride”** an anointing meeting for women

On the third Saturday at 3: 00 p. m PST

**Venue : North Valley Christian Fellowship
919 Hanson Ct. Milpitas, CA 95035.**

We invite you to join us and be blessed. Childcare will be provided. Feel free to bring your friends.

PRAYER EVENTS

We invite you to join us in praying for our communities to be transformed.

- ◆ **Transform Communities Prayer -Daily**

Monday through Friday - Six one hour prayer sessions Over conference bridge +1-218-339-4300 pin 236676# .

Please call us for the timings

- ◆ **Pray for the Nations - Monthly**

Second Saturday from 8 to 10 a.m. PST . Over conference bridge +1-218-339-4300 pin 236676#

- ◆ **Prayer Ride - Monthly**

Fourth Sunday starting at 2 p. m from San Jose to San Francisco. Please join us if you are in this area.

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