

5 reasons people struggle with forgiveness (John Louee')

1. Myth that you MUST forgive quickly: You must forgive me quickly...you're a Christian
 - God took his time in forgiving us before 1 John 1:9
 - why do we have a problem with the Old Testament?...That's why God didn't say, "No Problem!"
 - two paths one headstoward bitterness, rage (Just stuff it, do it NOW) or true forgiveness path
2. If I forgive I MUST forget: That remembering is not forgiveness
 - a. Forgiveness actually requires remembrance from a human standpoint...think communion
 - b. God can't see through the blood of Christ
 - c. What you do when you remember: Always put it in the context of forgiveness
3. If I forgive...then I have to act like it didn't happen or make it okay
 - a. Sin is always sin...even when it's forgiven
 - b. Sin is never condoned
4. We have not internalized our forgiveness
 - a. Lose that sense of awe of when God forgave us
5. Reconciliation and Forgiveness are TWO separate processes
 - a. Forgiveness is unilateral
 - b. Reconciliation is bilateral
 - c. Eg. God forgives us
 - i. Nobody goes to hell for an unforgiven sin
 - ii. People who are not reconciled go to hell