

How Do Ever I Forgive That Person?  
Life's Tough Questions, Part 5 b  
Matthew 18: 21 – 35  
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Last Week: "Why should I forgive him/her, anyway?"  
(Nancy only)

How do I ever forgive that person?

1. Acknowledge you have been seriously hurt.

\*Situations requiring forgiveness are ones where pain inflicted is personal, unfair, and deep.

2. Surrender your right to get even.

1. Leave ultimate justice to God.

2. Deliberately choose the path of forgiveness.

3. Search for the real person beneath the evil mask.

\*Begin to see that they are also weak, fallible, and sinners, just as you.

4. Desire that good things would happen to them.

\*If you only want something bad to happen to that person, you are not doing for them what God has done for you.

5. If possible, build a healthy, healed relationship with them.