



## THEME OF THE MONTH

# Forgiveness

***Clearing the record of those who have wronged me and not holding a grudge.***

1. To grant pardon for an offense, to absolve
2. To give up all claim on account of a debt or obligation
3. To cease to feel resentment for
4. To excuse for a fault or an offense, to pardon

### Why is Forgiveness Important?

*“If you forgive those who sin against you, your heavenly Father will forgive you. But if you refuse to forgive others, your Father will not forgive your sins...”*

**Matthew 6:14-15**

*“He couldn’t pay, so the master ordered that he be sold to pay the debt...but the man fell down and begged...and he forgave his debt”*

**Matthew 18:23-26**

*“Father, forgive them, for they don’t know what they are doing.”*

**Luke 23:34**

*“Make allowance for each other’s faults, and forgive anyone who offends you...”*

**Matthew 5:9**

### How Do We Practice Forgiveness?

1. Remember, to be forgiven, we must choose to forgive.
2. Make a conscious choice to forgive.
3. When possible, let the person know you feel you were wronged, give them a chance to tell “their side” and talk it out.
4. Don’t retaliate, but show kindness and respect for others
5. Once you’ve forgiven, bury the wrong & don’t dig up the past.