

THE ART OF FORGIVENESS



*A Guide to Healing, Releasing Resentments, Finding Inner
Peace, and Achieving Emotional Freedom*

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Chapter 1

INTRODUCTION



Forgiveness is the key that unlocks the door of resentment and the handcuffs of hatred. It is a power that breaks the chains of bitterness and the shackles of selfishness.

- Corrie Ten Boom

Born on April 15, 1892, in Haarlem, Netherlands, **Corrie Ten Boom** was the youngest of four children. Her parents, Casper and Cornelia Ten Boom were devout Christians who ran a clock & watch shop in the city.

Corrie grew up in a loving and caring family environment. Her parents instilled in her and her siblings a strong faith in God and a sense of responsibility toward

others. As a child, she was known for her lively spirit and love of adventure. She was a skilled gymnast and enjoyed exploring the countryside with her siblings.

In 1920, Corrie took over the family watchmaking business with her sister, Betsie. The two women were dedicated to their work and committed to helping the community. They often welcomed visitors into their home, providing food and shelter to those in need.

In May 1940, Germany invaded the Netherlands, and life for Corrie and her family changed dramatically. Ten Booms were active in the Dutch resistance, helping to hide Jews and others targeted by the Nazis. They built a secret room in their home to hide people and other items, such as radios and forbidden literature.

On February 28, 1944, the Gestapo raided Ten Boom's home. Corrie, Betsie, and their father were arrested and taken to a prison in Scheveningen. They were later transferred to a concentration camp in Vught, where they were subjected to harsh conditions and forced labor.

In September 1944, Corrie and Betsie were transported to the Ravensbrück concentration camp in Germany. They were separated from their father, who died in prison in Scheveningen. Life in Ravensbrück was brutal, and the sisters were subjected to extreme cruelty and abuse. Despite the hardships, Corrie and Betsie remained committed to their faith and continued to offer hope and comfort to those around them.

In December 1944, Betsie died in Ravensbrück. Corrie was devastated by the loss of her sister but continued to hold onto her faith. She was eventually released from Ravensbrück in December 1944 due to a clerical error. She later learned that all the women in her age group had been sent to the gas chambers just two weeks after her release.

After the war, Corrie returned to the Netherlands and dedicated her life to spreading the message of forgiveness and reconciliation. She founded a rehabilitation center for concentration camp survivors and traveled the world, speaking about her experiences and the power of forgiveness.

*A man who had worked as a guard at Ravensbrück approached Corrie while she was giving a speech in Munich, Germany, in 1947 and said - "He has become a Christian and has found forgiveness from God for his sins." He further asked for her forgiveness too. Corrie later recounted that she struggled with conflicting emotions at that moment. On the one hand, she felt a deep anger and hatred toward the man for the cruelty he had inflicted on her and her loved ones. On the other hand, as a Christian, she was called to forgive others as God had forgiven her. Ultimately, Corrie took the man's hand and said she forgave him. This was really tough for her, as she wrote in her book, **"The Hiding Place"**:*

"Even as the angry, vengeful thoughts boiled through me, I saw the sin of them. Jesus Christ had died for this man; was I going to ask for more?"

Lord Jesus, I prayed, forgive me and help me to forgive him... I tried to smile, I struggled to raise my hand. I could not. I felt nothing, not the slightest spark of warmth or charity. And so, again, I breathed a silent prayer. Jesus, I cannot forgive him. Give me your forgiveness. I stood there – one of the most wretched prisoners of all – and listened to the man's confession. And I had to forgive him; there was no other way. 'I forgive you, brother,' I cried. 'With all my heart!'

She later said, "I discovered that it is not on our forgiveness any more than on our goodness that the world's healing hinges, but on His. When He tells us to love our enemies, He gives along with the command, the love itself."

Corrie continued to travel and speak about forgiveness and reconciliation for many years. She authored several books, including "The Hiding Place" and "Tramp for the Lord," which recount her experiences during the war and her journey of faith.

Corrie passed away on April 15, 1983, on her 91st birthday. She left behind a legacy of forgiveness and compassion that inspires people today.

The forgiveness of Corrie Ten Boom is a powerful reminder that forgiveness is not easy, but it is essential for healing and reconciliation. Corrie's faith in God and belief in the power of forgiveness helped her overcome the traumas of war and reach out to those who had hurt her.

I believe that Corrie's life story inspires anyone who has suffered injustice or hardship and seeks to find meaning and purpose in their pain. **Corrie Ten Boom's legacy of forgiveness reminds us that no matter how dark the world may seem, there is always hope for healing and reconciliation.**

WHAT IS THE SOURCE OF YOUR DISCONTENTMENT?

Let me ask you this:

- *What if I told you that happiness is not just a fleeting emotion we experience once in a while, but it is actually our natural state of being?*

Yes, you heard me right!

Through meditation and inner healing, many of us have come to understand that love is not just an emotion but the very core of our being. By turning our attention inward and cultivating a deep sense of self-awareness, we can connect with the pure and unconditional love that resides within us.

We are not just physical bodies but spiritual beings temporarily residing in these vessels. When we view life from this perspective, we can begin to understand that happiness and love are inextricably linked.

And the best part? Forgiveness can help us choose love over fear and peace over conflict, regardless of our circumstances. So why settle for anything less than the joy and contentment that is already within you?

Choose love and forgiveness, and let happiness be your natural state of being!



In today's world, the pursuit of happiness seems to be the ultimate goal of most people. We constantly search for happiness in material possessions, relationships, and accomplishments. But the truth is that happiness is not something that can be found outside ourselves. We may think we'll finally be happy once we have a certain amount of money, a particular job, or the perfect partner. However, the more we accumulate, the more we want, and we end up feeling frustrated, angry, and even hopeless.

We often feel unhappy because we have been conditioned to believe that our happiness lies in external factors. Society tells us we must be successful, wealthy, and attractive to be happy. However, this is not true. Happiness is an inside job. It's a state of mind that comes from within and is not dependent on external circumstances.

The trap we fall into is thinking that if we get what we want, we'll finally be happy. We start working tirelessly towards that goal, only to find ourselves still unhappy even after achieving it. **This is because happiness is not a**

destination; it's a journey. We must cultivate a state of mind within ourselves, regardless of our external circumstances.

The world has many things that can tempt us and make us feel unhappy or like we don't have enough money or things. We blame our unhappiness on the people around us, our circumstances, or the temptations surrounding us. We start feeling trapped by life as if we have no control over our own happiness.

So, what is this thing inside us that makes us always look for happiness in things outside of ourselves?

It's our EGO!

Our egos are focused on things outside of us and make us think that the world is unfair and that we'll be harmed if we're not careful. The ego likes it when we think we're victims because it can feel satisfied. This is when we start looking for faults in others and things around us, trying to find someone or something to blame for our unhappiness.

WHEN FORGIVENESS COMES INTO THE PICTURE

Our feelings of unhappiness are magnified whenever we judge other people, hold onto grievances, or cling to blame and guilt. **We become trapped in a cycle of negativity, constantly searching for something or someone to**

blame for our unhappiness. This is where forgiveness comes in.

Forgiveness is a transformational process that can help us break free from this cycle of negativity. It's not about condoning the actions of others or forgetting what has happened. **It's about releasing ourselves from the negative emotions and thoughts holding us back.**

When we forgive others, we let go of the negative emotions that we've been carrying around, such as anger, resentment, and blame. We free ourselves from the burden of holding onto the past and move forward with a renewed sense of purpose and hope. Forgiveness is not only good for our emotional well-being, but it also has physical health benefits. **Studies have shown that forgiveness can lower blood pressure, reduce stress, and improve overall health.**

However, forgiveness is not just about forgiving others. It's also about forgiving ourselves. We often hold onto guilt and blame for mistakes that we've made in the past, and this can hold us back from living a fulfilling life. When we forgive ourselves, we let go of the negative self-talk holding us back, and we can move forward with confidence and self-love.

In forthcoming chapters, we'll explore more on this topic and learn how forgiveness first changes our mindset and, eventually, our overall lifestyle.

THE STORY TIME

*There was a successful businessman named **John**. John was known for being tough, demanding, and frequently provocative. He was a man who rarely forgave others for their mistakes, and he always held grudges against those who wronged him.*

One day, John received a phone call from Switzerland. It was his sister who was calling to inform him about the death of their mother. The news hit John hard; it left him feeling devastated. He hadn't talked to his mother in years because of their falling out over a business deal.

As John traveled to Switzerland for his mother's funeral, he couldn't help but think about how he had let his judgments and grudges get in the way of his relationship with his mother. He realized that he had been holding onto his anger for too long and that it was time to let it go.

*During the funeral, John heard a quote that stuck with him, "**Love Is Letting Go of Fear.**" He thought about this quote and how it related to his situation. He realized his fear of being taken advantage of had caused him to hold onto his anger and grudges for too long.*

After the funeral, John visited a 90-year-old lady who had been a close friend of his mother. She showed John a painting his mother had made just before she passed away. The picture was a beautiful representation of forgiveness and letting go of judgments.

*As John looked at the painting, he thought about the teachings of **Jesus Christ** and how forgiveness was an*

*essential part of **His** message. He realized that forgiveness was important not only for his relationships with others but also for his own peace of mind.*

John returned home a changed man. He began to practice forgiveness in all aspects of his life, and he found that it brought him a sense of peace that he had never experienced before. He learned that holding onto grudges and judgments only brought him pain and that forgiveness was the key to letting go of that pain.

We often hear stories about how forgiveness can help us let go of painful experiences from the past. It might be hard to believe that changing our thinking can make such a big difference, but John's story shows us that forgiveness can even help us after someone has died. The bad things seem less significant now, allowing us to redirect our attention toward the love that has always existed. This love will always be there, no matter what.

UNDERSTANDING FORGIVENESS

FORGIVENESS



Dear reader, *have you ever experienced hurtful words or actions from someone else?*

You likely have.

Perhaps a parent's criticism affected your self-esteem, a colleague's sabotage undermined your hard work, or your partner's infidelity left you feeling betrayed and heartbroken.

These wounds can be profound and leave lasting feelings of resentment, bitterness, and anger.

It's important to acknowledge that these feelings are entirely valid and understandable. However, holding on to this pain can negatively affect your well-being. When you hold on to resentment and anger, you allow the person who hurt you to continue to have power over your emotions and thoughts. You may find yourself becoming consumed by negative thoughts, unable to let go of the past and move forward with your life.

Do you realize it's super easy to hold a grudge?

It's a fact of life that being hurt by someone, especially by someone you care about and trust can be an incredibly difficult experience. The range of emotions that come with it, such as anger, sadness, and confusion, can be overwhelming and leave you feeling stuck in a negative space.

However, if you allow yourself to dwell on these hurtful events, you run the risk of allowing grudges filled with resentment and hostility to take root. This can lead to a life consumed by negative feelings, where bitterness and a sense of injustice take over.

But it's important to remember that forgiveness is a powerful tool for moving forward and finding peace. Some people may be naturally more forgiving than others, but that doesn't mean learning how to be more forgiving is impossible.

What if you hold a grudge for a long?

Holding a grudge for a long time can have serious negative consequences on your life. It can bring anger and bitterness into new relationships and experiences, leaving you unable to fully engage and enjoy the present moment. You may find yourself constantly dwelling on the past and unable to move forward.

This can lead to various emotional and mental health issues, such as depression, anxiety, and irritability. ***It can also conflict with your spiritual beliefs, as holding onto grudges goes against many teachings about forgiveness and letting go.***

But perhaps the most heartbreaking consequence of holding a grudge is **losing valuable and enriching connections with others**. When you hold onto resentment and anger towards someone, you close yourself off from the possibility of forgiveness and reconciliation. This can lead to broken relationships and a sense of loneliness and isolation.

So, what is forgiveness, and how can it save you?

When you choose to forgive, you open yourself to finding peace and hope. Take a moment to think about how

forgiveness can guide you toward better physical, emotional, and spiritual health.

Forgiveness can mean different things to different people, but at its core, it involves making a conscious decision to release any bitterness and resentment.

When you view forgiveness through the lens of Love and Spirit, it becomes an act of releasing the painful past. The memory of the hurtful act may stay with you, but choosing to forgive can lessen its hold on you. By forgiving, you can break free from the control of the person who caused you harm.

Forgiveness can sometimes lead to understanding, empathy, and compassion for the person who hurt you. Forgiveness is a powerful choice that allows you to no longer suffer and start to heal your heart and soul. It means choosing not to hold onto hatred or anger and letting go of the desire to seek revenge. It helps you overcome the pain of the past and create a brighter future for yourself.

Forgiveness is not forgetting or excusing the harm someone has done to you. It doesn't always mean you must make up with that person either. Forgiveness is about finding inner peace and moving forward with your life. It means opening your heart to see the good in others instead of judging or condemning them.

Forgiveness helps you feel compassion, gentleness, tenderness, and caring that is always within your heart. It's the way to a place of inner peace, happiness, and your soul.

This place of peace is always available to you, but sometimes you don't see it because you're too attached to anger. It's easy to think that holding onto anger or seeking revenge will bring you peace of mind, but forgiveness is the journey that takes you there. It's like crossing a bridge to a new world of expanding, unconditional love.

Forgiveness is like a bright light that leads you out of the darkness. It helps you recognize yourself as the light of the world and move on from past hurts, whether they're your own or someone else's. When you forgive someone, it can help you escape from the negative emotions like fear and anger that you've been holding onto. You don't have to be stuck in a mental prison because of your own mistakes or the mistakes of others. Forgiveness can help you release those hurts and allow you to experience the love of God. It's a place where only love exists and nothing else. And in that beautiful space, there's never anything left to forgive because you're surrounded by pure love.

What can forgiveness offer you?

Get ready to be inspired because I am about to share a beautiful passage about forgiveness that I came across in ***A Course in Miracles***. This passage highlights the tremendous benefits that can be ours through forgiveness. There is a quote: ***"FORGIVENESS OFFERS EVERYTHING THAT I WANT."***

Think about it, what could you want that forgiveness cannot give?

Do you long for peace? Forgiveness can offer it.

Do you seek happiness, a quiet mind, a sense of purpose, and a feeling of worth and beauty beyond the material world? Forgiveness can provide all of that and more.

Do you desire safety, care, and the warmth of pure protection always? Forgiveness can give you that.

It can offer you deep comfort, a quietness that cannot be disturbed, and a gentleness that can never be hurt. Forgiveness can even give you a rest so perfect that it can never be upset.

Can you imagine waking up to a world where forgiveness sparkles in your eyes and fills you with joy to tackle the day ahead? That's the power of forgiveness! It doesn't stop there because it soothes your forehead while you sleep and rests upon your eyelids, ensuring you don't have any dreams of fear, evil, malice, or attack. When you wake up, you experience another day of happiness and peace that forgiveness offers you, and that's not all!

Forgiveness has so much more to offer than we can imagine. So, embrace forgiveness today and allow it to fill your life with endless blessings and abundance!

HAPPINESS OR RIGHTEOUSNESS?



Once upon a time, two kids were playing in a sandbox in a small town in America. They were best friends, always playing together and sharing their toys. But one day, as they were playing, one of the kids got angry and stormed off with his toy truck. He yelled at his friend, "I hate your guts! I'm never going to talk to you again!"

The other kid was heartbroken and didn't understand why his friend was upset. He wanted to apologize, but he didn't know how. So, he just waited and hoped his friend would return to him.

Days passed, and the two kids didn't speak to each other. But one day, while playing in the park, they bumped into each other. They both looked at each other and didn't say a word. But then, one of them threw a ball at the other, and soon they were laughing and enjoying the day just like they used to.

*Their parents observed from a distance and marveled at how quickly the two kids forgave each other. They wondered, **"How do kids do that? How do they let go of their anger and choose happiness over righteousness?"***

The truth was simple. The kids understood the power of forgiveness. They knew that holding a grudge hurt them and that forgiveness was the key to healing and moving forward. They let go of their anger and embrace their friendship again.

Forgiveness matters, and it matters a lot. It's not just a nice thing to do; it's a crucial step in your own personal growth and well-being.

Why?

Because when you forgive, you choose happiness over righteousness!

Choosing forgiveness over righteousness means letting go of the need to be right or to exact revenge. It means recognizing that holding onto anger, bitterness, and resentment only hurts you in the long run. When you forgive, you let go of negative emotions and focus instead on positive ones, such as compassion, understanding, and empathy.

In his book, ***The Art of Forgiving***, Lewis Smedes writes, ***"Forgiving is the only remedy for the pain the offender left us with, the only way to heal the hurt he caused."***

As a mentor, life coach, and author, I want to share how forgiveness has been promoted as a new cure-all for both your mind and body.

It's been marketed as a healing medicine that can alleviate depression, unease, persistent animosity, high blood pressure, heart disease, stroke, cancer, and even weakened immunity. Furthermore, it has also been claimed to mend emotional wounds, restore broken relationships, and rejuvenate a sense of self that may have been fractured.

From a spiritual perspective, forgiveness is often promoted as a means of personal growth and transformation. Many religious traditions emphasize the importance of forgiveness and view it as a way to connect with a higher power or a greater sense of purpose. Forgiveness becomes a way to let go of ego and cultivate compassion, leading to greater inner peace and spiritual growth.

Another way that forgiveness has been promoted is through psychology and counseling. Therapists often use forgiveness as a therapeutic tool to help clients heal from past traumas, resolve conflicts, and improve relationships. Forgiveness becomes a tool to release negative emotions, promote healing, and promote empathy and compassion towards oneself and others.

WHAT FORGIVENESS IS NOT

- *Forgiveness **does not mean justice is ignored**; instead, it creates a space for justice to be enacted without the need for revenge.*

- Forgiveness is **not a sign of weakness**; it requires courage and strength to face the hurt, process it, and work toward healing.
- Forgiveness is **not a short process**, and it can take several journeys through the cycles of remembering and grief before one can truly forgive and be free.
- Forgiveness is **not synonymous with forgetting**; rather, it requires a fearless remembering of the hurt inflicted.
- Forgiveness is **not easy**; it requires hard work and a consistent willingness to let go of the pain and hurt caused by others.

A few thought-provoking questions for you -

- 1.** Are you inspired by those who forgive, even when it seems impossible?
- 2.** Do you admire the strength and courage it takes to let go of anger and bitterness and instead choose compassion and forgiveness?
- 3.** Think about the parents who forgive the person who took their child's life. Can you imagine the pain and heartache they must feel? And yet, they find a way to forgive.

4. Or the woman who forgives her rapist. Choosing forgiveness in such a traumatic situation takes a special kind of bravery. Can you imagine that?

5. And what about the man who forgives those who tortured him brutally? His act of forgiveness is nothing short of heroic.

Let me make one thing clear: *forgiveness is not a weakness. It's not for the faint of heart. It's a choice that takes strength and courage.*

Even when we get angry, forgiveness is still possible. It doesn't mean we're spineless or don't stand up for what's right. We can still be angry and fight for justice while also choosing to forgive.

I've come across individuals who demonstrated compassion and forgiveness, even when faced with extremely challenging circumstances and subjected to terrible mistreatment. I want to tell you about **Bishop Malusi Mpumlwana's** powerful story of forgiveness, healing, and reconciliation, which really impressed me when I first read it. I believe it's worth sharing, and I hope you find it as inspiring as I did. It goes like this -

In the early 1990s, Mpumlwana was an anti-apartheid activist and member of the African National Congress (ANC) in South Africa, which was fighting to end the racist regime of apartheid.

In 1993, Mpumlwana's brother, Xolile, was brutally murdered by a group of white right-wing extremists who

opposed the ANC's efforts to end apartheid. The murder deeply affected Mpumlwana; he struggled with anger and bitterness toward his brother's killers.

*However, in the years following the end of apartheid and establishing a democratic government in South Africa, Mpumlwana began to reconsider his feelings toward his brother's killers. In 2011, he decided to publicly forgive his brother's killers as an act of reconciliation. In a statement to the press, he explained that **he forgave them not because they deserved it but because he needed to free himself from the burden of anger and bitterness.***

So, let's aspire to be forgiving people. Let's be inspired by those who forgive, even in the most challenging circumstances. **And let's remember that forgiveness is a choice that takes true strength and courage.**

THE QUIZ TIME

A) Multiple choice questions:

1. What is the source of our discontentment, according to the chapter?

- A) Our friends and family
- B) The world around us
- C) Our ego
- D) Our work environment

2. What is forgiveness?

- A) Condoning the actions of others
- B) Holding on to negative emotions
- C) Releasing ourselves from negative emotions
- D) Blaming others for our unhappiness

3. What does forgiveness offer?

- A) Negative emotions
- B) Physical health
- C) Bitterness and resentment
- D) Comfort, quietness, and gentleness

4. What does our ego do to us?

- A) It makes us happy
- B) It makes us content
- C) It makes us feel like victims
- D) It helps us cultivate self-awareness

5. Why do we need to forgive?

- A) To condone the actions of others
- B) To forget what has happened
- C) To release ourselves from negative emotions and thoughts
- D) To hold on to resentment and anger

B) Exercise:

1. Think about a time when you held a grudge against someone. How did it affect your well-being?
2. List three negative emotions that can come from holding onto resentment and anger.

3. Write a letter to the person who hurt you, expressing your feelings and your decision to forgive them.
4. After writing the letter, read it and consider if you are ready to forgive the person. If not, what might you need to do to get there?
5. If you feel ready to forgive, take a symbolic action to represent your decision. This could be tearing up the letter, throwing it away, or simply saying out loud, "***I forgive you.***"



