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Embrace The Desert

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. Psalms 23:2

The average American who reads this passage probably thinks of green pastures as wide areas of unending soft green grass. But here in Israel the climate is so dry, that there's really no such thing. Long ago, the shepherds of Israel learned to find grass where most people wouldn't think to look. Here, green pastures are created as the breeze from the Mediterranean Sea brings moisture into our arid climate. It is from this moisture that a kind of dew settles upon the sides of certain hills creating little tufts of grass — just enough for one day's feeding for a flock of sheep. The shepherds would lead their flocks through the hot parched desert in search of these. It's no wonder those sheep would obey the shepherd's voice. They would easily die in the desert trying to survive on their own. The sheep learned to depend on the shepherd to daily lead them to their sustenance. How many times does it feel like we're walking aimlessly through the desert and there doesn't seem any refreshment near? When our lives are bombarded with trial after trial it can feel this way. But we must keep in mind that though we are walking through the desert, our Shepherd is leading us to green pastures to be refreshed. And it's these times in the desert that God causes us to depend more upon on him. These thirsty times are special times — times to be embraced! Don't despise those desert walks with the Shepherd and don't be afraid. God has something special for us there — and there are green pastures near.

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Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert.

Isaiah 43:19



Heaven

At the gate if they should ask
Why should we let you come in
I wont tell them how good I've been
Or the works that I have done
I'll just tell them about Gods only Son
How he hung on the cross and forgave me
Of all my sins and set me free
I'll say this is the place he went to prepare for me.
And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

John 14:3

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Almost Saved?

"Almost persuaded to be a Christian is like the man who was almost pardoned, but he was hanged, like the man who was almost rescued, but he was burned in the house. A man that is almost saved is damned." - Charles Spurgeon

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CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp



Cousin Leroy

When Bubba came over for a visit he couldn't help but notice that things were not good between Leroy and the little lady so he asked Leroy what was going on. "Well", said Leroy. "She has not spoken to me in three days. I think it has something to do with what happened on Sunday night when she thought she heard a noise downstairs. She nudged me and whispered, "Wake up, wake up!" "What's the matter?" I asked. "There are burglars in the kitchen. I think they're eating the tuna casserole I made tonight." And then I said "That'll teach them!"

Graduation Day

It was graduation day and mom was trying to take a picture of their son in a cap and gown, posed with his father. "Let's try to make this look natural," she said. "Junior, put your arm around your dad's shoulder." The father answered, "If you want it to look natural, why not have him put his hand on my wallet?"

Words of Wisdom

- ~ Always take a good look at what you're about to eat. It's not so important to know what it is, but it's critical to know what it was.
- ~ Don't worry about bitin' off more than you can chew. Your mouth is probably a whole lot bigger'n you think.
- ~ If you get to thinkin' you're a person of some influence, try orderin' somebody else's dog around.
- ~ It don't take a genius to spot a goat in a flock of sheep.
- ~ Lettin' the cat outta the bag is a whole lot easier than puttin' it back in.
- ~ Never ask a barber if he thinks you need a haircut.
 - ~ Never drop your gun to hug a grizzly.
- ~ When you give a lesson in meanness to a critter or a person, don't be surprised if they learn their lesson.
- ~ When you're throwin' your weight around, be ready to have it thrown around by somebody else.
- ~ After eating an entire bull, a mountain lion felt so good he started roaring. He kept it up until a hunter came along and shot him. The moral of the story is: When you're full of bull, keep your mouth shut.

Adam & Eves Secret To A Happy Marriage

Adam and Eve must have had a great marriage. Adam couldn't talk about his Mother's cooking, and Eve couldn't mention all the men she could have married.

Who's Driving?

A man is driving with his wife at his side and his mother-in-law in the back seat. The women just won't leave him alone. His mother-in-law says, "You're driving too fast!" His wife says, "Stay more to the left." After ten mixed orders, the man turns to his wife and asks, "Who's driving this car - you or your mother?"

YOU KNOW YOU ARE GETTING OLDER WHEN.....

- You and your teeth don't sleep together.
- You try to straighten out the wrinkles in your socks and discover you aren't wearing any.
- At the breakfast table you hear snap, crackle, pop and you're not eating cereal.
 - Your back goes out but you stay home.
 - It takes two tries to get up from the couch.
 - Your idea of weight lifting is standing up.
- It takes twice as long -- to look half as good.
- You have more hair in your ears and nose than on your head.



“A Spiritual Second Wind”

Acts 18:1-11

After these things Paul departed from Athens, and came to Corinth; 2And found a certain Jew named Aquila, born in Pontus, lately come from Italy, with his wife Priscilla; (because that Claudius had commanded all Jews to depart from Rome:) and came unto them. 3And because he was of the same craft, he abode with them, and wrought: for by their occupation they were tentmakers. 4And he reasoned in the synagogue every sabbath, and persuaded the Jews and the Greeks. 5And when Silas and Timotheus were come from Macedonia, Paul was pressed in the spirit, and testified to the Jews that Jesus was Christ. 6And when they opposed themselves, and blasphemed, he shook his raiment, and said unto them, Your blood be upon your own heads; I am clean; from henceforth I will go unto the Gentiles. 7And he departed thence, and entered into a certain man's house, named Justus, one that worshipped God, whose house joined hard to the synagogue. 8And Crispus, the chief ruler of the synagogue, believed on the Lord with all his house; and many of the Corinthians hearing believed, and were baptized. 9Then spake the Lord to Paul in the night by a vision, Be not afraid, but speak, and hold not thy peace: 10For I am with thee, and no man shall set on thee to hurt thee: for I have much people in this city. 11And he continued there a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them.

I suppose all of us at some time or another have been depressed, or want to give up and quit. In the heat of a moment we'll say, "I'll just leave this job, this church, or this family, and they'll miss me...they'll wish they had treated me different!" Often we have some of these feelings: There's no use, the harder I try, the worse things get! Don't witness, no one will listen! I'm just spinning my wheels and getting nothing done for the kingdom of Heaven! The daily stress and problems are all vanity! (Life is just mundane, repetitive, like Chinese water torture!) Sometimes God's people need a spiritual 2nd wind...EXAMPLES: Moses: The Greatest leader, handpicked by God! Had God's power on his life, but in Numbers 11:15 - And if thou deal thus with me, kill me, I pray thee, out of hand, if I have found favour in thy sight; and let me not see my wretchedness. Joshua: Greatest General, handpicked by God to lead Israel into the Promised Land...but in Joshua 7:7 - And Joshua said, Alas, O LORD God, wherefore hast thou at all brought this people over Jordan, to deliver us into the hand of the Amorites, to destroy us? would to God we had been content, and dwelt on the other side Jordan! He felt like quitting! He got over it, thankfully! Elijah: Greatest prophet of OT. He was willing to challenge the idolatry of his day and called fire down from heaven and won the face off with the prophets of Baal, but in 1st Kings 19:4 - But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a juniper tree: and he requested for himself that he might die; and said, It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life; for I am not better than my fathers. Job: We talk about his patience and faith, and he was truly a great man...he had a great beginning and a great ending, but in-between, when he lost everything, he wished he had not been born, became suicidal, extremely depressed for a period of time! Job 3:3 - Let the day perish wherein I was born, and the night in which it was said, There is a man child conceived. Jonah: He wanted God to kill him, and was spiritually depressed and not even happy for the all the souls that just got saved in Nineveh! Paul: In Acts 18 we find Paul in his 2nd missionary journey, arriving from Athens to Corinth experiencing a low time in his life (of depression) 1st Corinthians 2:3 - And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling.-He was fatigued and alone.-He was bi-vocational. (v. 3 - Tentmaker)-Stressed- v. 5 "pressed in spirit." (Spiritual stress) Had a sense of failure (not much success in Athens and called a "babbler." (Bird Brain) -Frustrated, leaving a city of idolatry and heading for the worst in the world for immorality! (Sin city! The Temple: Aphrodite, goddess of sex, and a thousand prostitutes sold their bodies in the temple in the name of religion!)-Unappreciated...he later wrote to the people of Corinth: 2nd Corinthians 12:15 - And I will very gladly spend and be spent for you; though the more abundantly I love you, the less I be loved. At this point on this trip alone, he's been beaten and jailed at Philippi, persecuted at Thessalonica and Berea, ridiculed in Athens, and now he has to face Corinth! He was at a low point, a crossroads in his ministry, and he was just about to quit! But the Lord came to Paul on this day, and showed him that trying times are not the time to quit trying! v. 11 - And he continued there a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them. - (He didn't quit, he continued!) Why? Because God told him in 9 and 10 - Then spake the Lord to Paul in the night by a vision, Be not afraid, but speak, and hold not thy peace: 10For I am with thee, and no man shall set on thee to hurt thee: for I have much people in this city. - ("It's too soon to quit!") 3 Promises for the 'Winded': We have the promise of ...1. God's presence. v. 10 - "I am with thee" In times of loneliness Hebrews 13:5 - Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. Gospel of Matthew, 2 wonderful bookends: Beginning: "Emmanuel, God with us" Ending: Great commission, Matthew 28:20 - Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen. Your best friend may stab you in the back, but in Proverbs 18:24 -A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly: and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother. In loneliness...• In the valley When defeat, discouragement, sickness, financial problems, heartaches and family problems comes...remember that the God of the Mountain is still God in the valley! Ill.—A little boy went home after school very sad and told his mom about Billy, his best friend, who had been absent for 3 days and found out today why when he returned to class...his daddy died, and when he told us, he cried and just laid his head flat on his desk. His mom asked: "What did you do?" and the little boy said "I didn't know what to do, so I just laid my head on my desk and cried, too!" That's the kind of Savior we have! Hebrews 4:15 - For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. John 11:35 says Jesus wept, why...because Lazarus had died. Jesus even knew he was going to raise him from the dead, things were going to get better, but Jesus' heart still broke in the meanwhile! He's there in the valley with you! In loneliness, in the valley...• In death Psalm 23:4 - Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. But when our time comes, the Lord comes Himself. He doesn't send an angel...He comes for us Himself! It's too soon to quit! We have the promise of His presence! 2. God's protection v. 10 - For I am with thee, and no man shall set on thee to hurt thee: for I have much people in this city. They might have killed the apostle Paul, but not until he was able to say, "I have finished my course." They tried to kill the Lord Jesus, but it couldn't happen not before He said in John 19:30 - When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost. God has a purpose for your life. And if you choose to, you can live it out, fearlessly...though there will be persecution, trials and hardships...but until your work here is done, God's not finished with you, the devil can't harm you, man can't hurt you, disease cannot touch you, there are no accidents with God...He and He alone will call you home when the time is right! So good to know, that nothing can happen without the Lord's permission. Philippians 1:21 - For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. God, take me when you're thru with me...until then, I'm going to serve you! It's too soon to quit! Ahead of us He's our guide, behind us He's our guard, under us are His everlasting arms, and above us, if we'll look up, He's ever-present with us in a cloud of glory! 3. God's potential v. 10b - "I have much people in this city" How could God say that? There were no more than a handful of Christians there! It's the promise of God's potential! God didn't see the perverts of this city for what they were, but for what they were going to be! Years later, here's what happened: 1st Corinthians 6: 9-11 - Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither

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Turtle Cake

1 box German chocolate cake mix

Mix cake per directions on the box. Pour half the batter into a buttered 9x13 pan. Bake on 350 for 15 minutes. Remove cake from oven and leave in the pan.

14-16 oz. caramels

1 cup butter

1/2 cup condensed milk

1 cup chopped pecans

1 cup chocolate chips

Melt the caramels, 1/2 cup butter and condensed milk in a double broiler. Pour this mixture over the baked cake. Sprinkle the nuts and the chocolate chips over the cake. Pour remaining batter over top first layer and caramel center mixture. Bake 20 more minutes.

Banana Salad Dressing

1 large egg

1/2 cup sugar

2 Tbs. vinegar

1/4 cup water

3 Tbs. peanut butter

Beat the egg, add sugar, vinegar, and water in small sauce pan. Cook on low heat until mixture thickens and changes color. Add the peanut butter. Let cool and toss with sliced bananas. (Optional - top with chopped nuts)



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Strawberry Salad

1 small box strawberry jello

1/2 cup boiling water

1 pkg. Strawberries

1 small can crushed pineapple

2 bananas, mashed

1/2 cup chopped nuts

1 small bowl cool whip

Combine all ingredients except cool whip. Pour half of mixture in dish and let set. Add cool whip on top followed by remainder of mixture and let jell.

Chicken Enchiladas

by Patti Bowlds

2 1/2 to 3 lbs. chicken tenderloins

2 cans cream of chicken soup

2 cans rotel

1 (16oz) sour cream

2 (8oz) bags shredded cheddar cheese

10 flour tortilla shells

Cook and shred chicken. Mix soup, rotel, sour cream, chicken and 1 bag of cheese in large bowl. Spread some of the mixture in the bottom of a 9x13 baking dish. Spoon mixture into tortilla shells and fold burrito style and place in dish on top of mixture. Cover with remaining mixture. Cover with remaining bag of cheese. Bake at 350 until hot and bubbly.

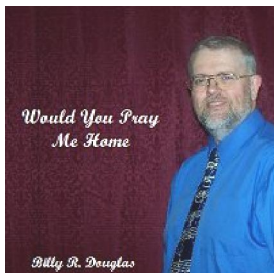


Springing Forth!

Every Spring I get that "resurrection excitement" all over again. And certainly that Spirit goes with me all through the year, but when I start to see the blossoms on the trees and the buttercups blooming again, I think about our risen Lord. During the springtime of the earthly ministry of Jesus thousands had gathered on the northeastern shore of Galilee. The miracle of Jesus multiplying the bread and fish to the multitude has numerous meanings, but the primary meaning was given by Jesus the next day in Capernaum: "This is the bread which cometh down from Heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die. I am the living bread which came down from Heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world." John 6:50-51. Jesus took the five barley loaves and two small fishes that the little boy had and fed thousands that day, showing the people that He was the "true manna" that came down from Heaven. John 6:32. Jesus used a child that was not even counted when they numbered the people, Matt.14:21, and He also used barley bread that was eaten by the poor, John 6:9. We all have to die physically, but we have the promise that if we trust in the person of Christ that we will live eternally. We are all dead spiritually, but we have the promise that if we trust in the person of Christ we shall be made alive in the Spirit. We can have joy and life abundantly on this Earth, John 10:10, and then we can live forever in that perfect place called Heaven one eternal day. John 3:16. The thirst and hunger that we all feel in this life can be satisfied only in, Jesus the Son of God. John 6:35. Try to imagine the looks on the faces of some of the people that spring day when they heard and saw Jesus! What hope! What joy! Life was in the air because Jesus was there! I hope, and pray, that you have experienced that Life, and please remember that what separates the Christian faith from the religions of man is the historical fact that Jesus died on the cross for the sin of the world and walked out of the grave! It's not just written on the pages of the Bible, but also on the pages of history, and is written on the hearts of His people. If Jesus had not risen from the dead then Christianity would have died in the 1st century. There are three great invitations given by Jesus in the gospel of John: 1) Come and see, John 1:39, 2) Come and drink, John 7:37, and 3) Come and dine, John 21:12.

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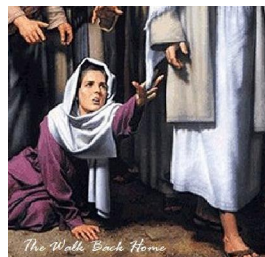
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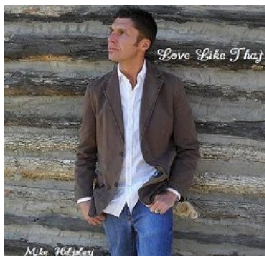
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The Thief Cometh...



The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. John 10:10

I want to talk with you this month about our enemy...our adversary...THE THIEF, the devil! Much of the modern day church world doesn't even think that he exists or at least their actions and their doctrine would lead one to believe that. What we hear them saying is "think positive...everything is yours"! We never hear of any opposition or anything about our adversary. Which suits the devil just fine because he wants nothing more than for you to believe that he is just some made up cartoon character or maybe an "angel has been" that no longer exists. BUT the Bible teaches us different. The above passage of scripture gives us a clear description of his goal...his mission...HIS NATURE! He is a thief..he wants to steal...steal what? How about your joy, your peace...and that's just for starters. He wants to kill you...destroy your family...your home...your marriage...YOUR FAITH! And many times he is successful simply because we do not recognize his weapons or the way that he works. The Word of God teaches us that the devil is our adversary, in 1 Peter 5:8 the Bible says *"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour."* There you have it...nothing hidden about that...here we see plainly who our real enemy and adversary is...the devil! Then we are told not to be ignorant concerning the way that he works and the weapons that he uses in 2 Corinthians 2:11 *"Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices."* You see...our ignorance is bliss for the enemy! Simply because, if we do not know how he works or the weapons that he uses we will not recognize him or what he is doing UNTIL it is to late! Why this message? Because we see this over and over...homes destroyed, lives in torment, churches split and more ALL because when the enemy came in...NOONE recognized what was going on or WHO was doing it! We simply stood around pointing fingers at someone else while the enemy did his thing. EVERY answer that we need can be found in the Word of God not only does the Word reveal to us who the enemy is and how he works BUT of course it gives us the ANSWER to the problem! We find part of that answer when we read on in 1 Peter the fifth chapter and I want to repeat verse 8 and then continue on to verse 9... 1 Peter 5:8 *"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: 1 Peter 5:9 Whom **resist stedfast in the faith**, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world."* The word's "resist stedfast" mean *"to stand in resistance or opposition to in a strong, stiff solid stance"*! Now lets look back at the scripture..."resist stedfast in the faith"...faith in what? Certainly not ourselves for this battle is not against flesh and blood! So Faith in what? Standing solid, firm STEDFAST in THE FAITH in God's Word...faith in the Victory that was won at the Cross...faith that what HIS WORD has promised HE WILL bring to pass! When the adversary came to tempt Jesus in the wilderness we find the LORD time and time again saying these words..."*It Is Written*"...when we do the same...when we stand with our faith in THE WORD of GOD...stand with our faith in HIS FINISHED WORK! Then we will indeed find ourselves submitting ourselves to the LORD and resisting the adversary and he will have no choice but to FLEE!! The Bible says in James 4:7 *"Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you."* This ONLY happens when we have our faith in the right place. I want to offer you our NEW sermon series entitled **"The Thief Cometh..."** I believe this is one of the most important subjects that the LORD has ever allowed us to preach on. We have only scratched the surface on this subject in this article but the sermons go into much more depth with things like the devices and motives of the adversary AND also his main focal point of attack in the believers life! Because we feel that these sermons are so important we want to offer them to you FREE of charge. All you have to do is let us know that you want the series and we will send them out to you. It is our prayer that this article and these sermons will be a blessing to you. Until next time may the LORD bless and keep you is my prayer. Pastor Billy R Douglas



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A Savior is Waiting

*:"And he (Jesus) must needs go through Samaria... being wearied with his journey, sat thus on the well."
John 4: 4 (KJV)*

I love the very premise of the verse in our text today, because I know that there in the land of Samaria there were many who laid in wait for a Jew to come through their land and they would beat them and rob them and leave them for dead. The land of Samaria was a Gentile land and Jesus had even restricted His own disciples to not go in the way of any Gentiles (ref., Matt 10:5). Yet, there was an urgency to this verse that prompted Jesus - all alone to enter into Samaria and to wait there by the well, for a certain woman who would come seeking water there. Oh my friend, have you ever found yourself in the midst of the greatest trial of your life, and you feel that all of your hopes and all of your dreams for your future seem all but lost? When the Samaritan woman came to that well, she came with the weightiness of her sin and her seeking - constant seeking for something that would make her happy; something that would satisfy. None of her relationships with the men in her life had ever panned out and Jesus speaks not to her sin as much as he does to her need. It was an appointment with destiny not just for the woman who came seeking everlasting water, but for those to whom she would tell of the man who told her everything there was to tell about herself - and their lives be changed by her testimony. You may feel as though your life is caught in the balance of your hopes for the future and the current day crisis - but let me tell you my friend...Jesus must needs go through your Samaria that place where possibly no other Pastor nor any other friend would go, yet He is coming your way this morning to meet your need. Hallelujah! What a Saviour! What's more...He is already waiting at that place this morning that gives you LIFE sustenance and He's not late my friend. It may be in your car on your way to work that you used to cry out to Him and you have not done so in years. It may be in one of the rooms of your house or a room at your place of work - or maybe even on a bench in a beautiful park where you used to meet with Him and cry out to Him with your every need. Just like the woman at the well - He already knows EVERYTHING about you so you need not fear Him. He has made a special point of coming unto you in this your hour of need and He is waiting to hear your heart's cry today. Call on Him...He's waiting...

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Perfect Peace

So many times as children of God we are always saying GIMME in our prayers and we forget to say THANK YOU. We are so occupied with our problems and feelings, and if we would only look around and see some other people are keeping their minds stayed on him...Thats the secret! He is at the center of their attention. And when he is ...you will worry about nothing and pray about every thing AND be THANKFUL IN AND FOR ALL THINGS. So stop worrying and the peace of God which passeth all understanding will keep your hearts and minds in PERFECT PEACE...

*Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.
Isaiah 26:3*

Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you. 2 Corinthians 13:11

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In Matthew 18:21 we read where Peter asked Christ a question. How oft (many times) should he forgive his brother (fellowman) that sins against him and that he's to be forgiving till 7 times? In the next verse he gets his answer. "I say not unto thee until 7 times; but, until 70 x 7." Now 70x7=490 times, right? Are we to forgive someone this number of times? And that's it? Is this what Jesus really meant? In a word, No. Not at all. It's real meaning is there is to be no limit whatsoever! This was only a symbolic way of saying that irregardless how many times one may sin against and do you wrong we are required and commanded to forgive that person. Yes, I know that people can really hurt you but forgiveness is a must. Not a choice, even if we must get on our knees and cry out to God with tears and beg him to please help us to forgive as I've got to. One Christian couple actually went to the prison and told the man who raped, killed and cut up their young daughter that they loved him, praying for him and forgave him for it. Now that's Godly love and forgiveness!! One woman told her pastor that her husband had sinned against her 2 times and you mean to tell me I still have 488 times to go? He told her, No, lady...that she may have more times than that and just what Jesus really meant by his answer! The Bible has an awful lot to say about forgiving.

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