

Do I react and numb this pain or respond and face this pain? I choose to obey my father in Heaven and forgive. the truth is there is no other place to run to but God. He is the only one that can carry me through this. My only mentor in these uncharted waters in Jesus. Jesus, our ultimate example for forgiveness. The one who suffered beyond measure but extends forgiveness to all."

What an amazing example!

In Colossians 3:13 we read:

Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

To live as peacemakers is a challenge that we all face in every conflict. Whenever conflict emerges, we face a decision about how to respond to the hurt, disappointment and wrongs committed against us.

But what does forgiveness look like in practice?

Ken Sande, in his book, *The Peacemaker*, says that the biblical picture of what forgiveness involves committing ourselves to four promises.

When we say the words, "I forgive you", then we promise that ...

- "I will not dwell on this incident."
- "I will not bring up this incident."
- "I will not talk to others about this incident."
- "I will not let this incident stand between us or hinder our personal relationship."



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Forgive not forget

Abdallah family mark painful Christmas with plans for i4give day

**Did you hear?
It was a tragedy that shocked the nation.**

On 1 Feb 2020, siblings Antony, 13, Angelina, 12, and Sienna Abdallah, 9, and their cousin Veronique Sakr, 11, were struck and killed instantly by an out-of-control ute. The driver, Samuel Da-



Leila and Danny Abdallah with children Liana Alex and Michael who are starting a forgiveness day following the Outlands crash. Picture Rohan Kelly

vidson, who struck them, pleaded guilty to the seven charges laid against him in relation to this incident.

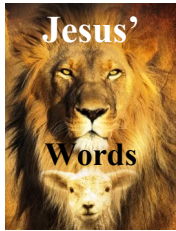
How would you respond?

It was a response that amazed many and leads us to a prayer: "Please help us to learn to be people who forgive."

12 months on, Danny and Leila Abdullah have launched a national "i4give Day", challenging us to find someone we can forgive or ask forgiveness from.

Significantly, in sharing what has allowed them to respond in this way, Danny Abdullah spoke of the choice that they faced:

"What path do I take, the path of destruction or the path of construction?"



Don't Forget to.....



In Luke 17 Jesus describes 6 essentials of the Christian life that we are not to forget. We are not to forget:

1. Do no harm, verses 1-2 [last time]

2. Make peace, verse 3

#1. Sin

#2. Take heed to yourself,

- Do I desire to glorify God?
- Can I overlook this sin?
- Is there anything in my eye?

The seven A's of a good confession are:

- Address all involved
- Avoid excuses
- Admit specifically
- Acknowledge the hurt
- Accept the consequences
- Alter your behaviour,
- Ask for forgiveness

#3. Confrontation,

How to give a godly rebuke: (PAUSE)

- Prepare/pray,
- Affirm,
- Understand them,
- Seek solutions,
- Evaluate, [last time]

#4. R _____, verse 3

(Acts 20:21) testifying to Jews, and also to Greeks, repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.

(2 Corinthians 7:9-11) Now I rejoice, not that you were made sorry, but that your sorrow led to repentance. . . (10) For godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation, not to be regretted; but the sorrow of the world produces death. (11) For observe this very thing, that you sorrowed in a godly manner: What diligence it produced in you, what clearing of yourselves, what indignation, what fear, what vehement desire, what zeal, what vindication! In all things you proved yourselves to be clear in this matter.

(Romans 12:18) If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men.

(John 2:17) Then His disciples remembered that it was written, "ZEAL FOR YOUR HOUSE HAS EATEN ME UP."

(Proverbs 28:13) He who covers his sins will not prosper, But whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy.

(Matthew 26:41) Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."

#5. F _____, verses 3-4

(Matthew 5:23-24) Therefore if you bring your gift to the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, (24) leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.

(Matthew 18:15) "Moreover if your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he hears you, you have gained your brother.

(Ephesians 4:31-32) Let all bitterness, . . be put away from you, with all malice. (32) And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.

The promise of forgiveness should include the promise to:

- ◆ Stop _____ on the incident
- ◆ Stop _____ up the incident with _____ and
- ◆ Continue to build the _____ without hindrance

Good thought
Hurt you not
Gossip never
Friends forever

