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IF ESAU GOT OVER IT, SO CAN I !

*#ForgivingIsAChoice #ForgivingIsACommand
#AcceptingForgivenessIsAChoice*

Matthew 6:15 Mateo Matthieu 马太福音

*But if ye forgive not men their trespasses,
neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.*

#PandemicBibleSTUDIES™ MOTTO --

PREPARE EACH LESSON, WITH ETERNITY IN VIEW !

Old Testament Joseph got over it.

Esau got over it.

But, David's son Absalom harbored hatred, and the result was disaster and tragedy for all concerned.

What if Esau had not gotten over it ? What if Esau had stubbornly held onto his understandable, but counter-productive rage and bitterness ? "Understandable" from a human perspective, because his twin brother Jacob tricked Esau 3X. The 1st time Esau's growling stomach got the better of him. The 2nd time was even worse. Esau's own mother Rebekah colluded and plotted with Jacob to deprive Esau of his legal birthright. The mother-son duo hatched a "successful" plan which deceived blind and ailing Isaac, into granting to Jacob Esau's legitimate birthright. The 3rd trick came about when Rebekah's instincts alerted her to the looming risk for her favorite son, Jacob. She sent Jacob packing no formal send-off, in order to avoid Esau's fury and growing wrath. And she never again saw Jacob.

"O, what a tangled web we weave when first we practise to deceive !" Sir Walter Scott

That quote is not from the Bible, but the concept is very biblical.

Fast forward around 20 years later when Jacob and Esau next came face-to-face. Was Esau still steaming and infuriated ? **NO !** So what happened to Esau's seething anger and vow to avenge ? There is no specific text that walks us through Esau's steps to his forgiveness of Jacob. But by God's mercy and grace, Esau had overcome.

SELECT REFERENCES - Genesis chapters 25-33; chapters 37-50; 2 Samuel chapter 13

So what about the rest of us ?

Develop a “Top 10 List Of Spiritual Roadblocks”.

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An unforgiving spirit ranks in my “Top 3”. Refusal to forgive is the seed to so much undergrowth and entanglement that many of the other “Top 10” become lost ! Our spiritual road maps are dotted with distractions and missed opportunities. Our walks with God are severely hampered.

Forgiving is a choice. Accepting forgiveness is a choice. Old Testament Joseph forgave his brothers for egregious wrongs. He then extended to them and their entire households love, kindness, and provisions in the midst of a famine. Even so, the brothers viewed with suspicion Joseph’s ongoing affection and goodwill. They imagined that Joseph was just biding his time for revenge until after their father’s death. How sad. And too many of us tend to search for hidden motives behind acts truly motivated by love.

Starting now, vow to forgive in the manner of Joseph and Esau, and also to accept forgiveness in the manner of Jacob !

Who “deserves” our forgiveness ?

How do we forgive, forget, and move on ?

Meditate on, memorize, and commit to live by Romans 12:17-21 and 2 Corinthians 5:17-20.

Fill your cups of anger with barrels of praise and thanksgiving for God’s abundant love, mercy and grace towards all of us undeserving sinners.

Let this prayer chorus become your mantra - *“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”*.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qFqDnGQodjA>

Comfort the turmoil within your spirit by absorbing the lyrics of - *“I Cast All My Cares Upon You”*.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b_ecHXC8lic

The Bible passages in this study offer assistance in this difficult but worthwhile process of forgiving.



AS YOU WORK ON THIS BIBLE STUDY, PLEASE PRAY TO BECOME ESPECIALLY SENSITIVE TO ANY OF YOUR ATTACHMENTS TO EARTH, AND START TO LOOSEN YOUR GRIP ON THE THINGS OF THIS WORLD.

“For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul ? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul ?”

Romans 12:17-21 Romanos Romains 罗马书

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2 Corinthians 5:17-20 2 Corintios 2 Corinthiens 哥林多后书

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2 Chronicles 6:30 2 Crónicas 2 Chroniques 历代志下

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2 Chronicles 6:39 2 Crónicas 2 Chroniques 历代志下

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2 Chronicles 7:14 2 Crónicas 2 Chroniques 历代志下

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Psalms 25:18 Salmos Psaumes 诗篇

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Psalm 32:1 Salmos Psaumes 诗篇

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Psalm 85:2 Salmos Psaumes 诗篇

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Psalm 86:5 Salmos Psaumes 诗篇

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Psalm 103:3 Salmos Psaumes 诗篇

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Psalm 130:4 Salmos Psaumes 诗篇

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Jeremiah 31:34 Jeremías Jérémie 耶利米书

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Daniel 9:9 但以理书

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Matthew 6:12 Mateo Matthieu 马太福音

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Matthew 6:14-15 Mateo Matthieu 马太福音

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Matthew 12:31-32 Mateo Matthieu 马太福音

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Matthew 18:21-22 Mateo Matthieu 马太福音

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Matthew 18:35 Mateo Matthieu 马太福音

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Mark 3:29 Marcos Marc 马可福音

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Mark 11:25-26 Marcos Marc 马可福音

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Luke 6:37 Lucas Luc 路加福音

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Luke 7:47 Lucas Luc 路加福音

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Luke 11:4 Lucas Luc 路加福音

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Luke 12:10 Lucas Luc 路加福音

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Luke 17:3-4 Lucas Luc 路加福音

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Luke 23:34 Lucas Luc 路加福音

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Acts 8:22 Hechos Actes 使徒行传

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Romans 4:7 Romanos Romains 罗马书

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2 Corinthians 2:10 2 Corintios 2 Corintheta 哥林多后书

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Ephesians 1:7 Efesios Éphésiens 以弗所书

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Ephesians 4:32 Efesios Éphésiens 以弗所书

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Colossians 1:14 Colosenses Colossiensi 歌罗西书

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Colossians 2:13 Colosenses Colossiensi 歌罗西书

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James 5:15 Santiago Jacques 雅各书

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1 John 1:9 1 Juan 1 Jean 约翰一书

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1 John 2:12 1 Juan 1 Jean 约翰一书

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1 Peter 5:7 1 Pedro 1 Pierre 彼得前书

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