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He who covers and forgives an offense seeks love, but he who repeats or harps on a matter separates even close friends. [Proverbs 17: 9](#)

Did you know that forgiveness is the key to any broken relationship? Why, you may ask? Forgiveness doesn't make the one right who had done injustice to you, but it makes you free. Jesus can start to work on the one you forgave. Forgiveness gives us an idea of the meekness Jesus showed when He died for all our sins.

When someone wrongs you, it's easy to get all this hate and anger rising up in you. When one doesn't deal with those emotions, it can start to form a rock in one's heart. Forgiveness gives the Holy Spirit an opportunity to wash our heart clean and keep it soft. Rocks of un-forgiveness not only place a block between you and your loved one's relationship, but it also puts a wall between you and God.

Wash me thoroughly [and repeatedly] from my iniquity and guilt and cleanse me and make me wholly pure from my sin! [Psalm 51: 2](#)

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right, persevering, and steadfast spirit within

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me. Cast me not away from Your presence and take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation and uphold me with a willing spirit.

[Psalm 51: 10-12](#)

The healing of a relationship starts when the one spouse can start to forgive his or her mate. True love is when you can find the courage and strength to put away all your pride and to put on Jesus' Humbleness.

So, dear reader, forgive them. Jesus forgave us all our trespasses, who are to harbour any un-forgiveness in our hearts? One preacher taught that if we harbour un-forgiveness, it is exactly the same as wanting someone else to die, but instead you drink the poison.

Here are some points you can apply to forgive someone:

1. Forgiveness is once again a choice, so choose to forgive.

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For if you forgive people their trespasses [their reckless and willful sins, leaving them, letting them go, and giving up resentment], your heavenly Father will also forgive you. [Matthew 6: 14](#)

2. Forgiveness is an action one takes. Let your words and actions show that you have forgiven them.

If we [freely] admit that we have sinned and confess our sins, He is faithful and just (true to His own nature and promises) and will forgive our sins [dismiss our lawlessness] and [continuously] cleanse us from all unrighteousness [everything not in conformity to His will in purpose, thought, and action].

[1 John 1: 9](#)

3. Don't think of it again; put the transgressions of your mate in the past. Forgiveness is not when we say "I can forgive but I won't forget." Forgiveness is forgiving and forgetting. Behold my affliction and my pain and forgive all my sins [of thinking and doing]. [Psalm 25: 18](#)

So also My heavenly Father will deal with every one of you if you do not freely forgive your brother from your heart his offenses. [Matthew 18: 35](#)

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For I will be merciful and gracious toward their sins and I will remember their deeds of unrighteousness no more.

[Hebrews 8: 12](#)

He then goes on to say, And their sins and their lawbreaking I will remember no more. Now where there is absolute remission (forgiveness and cancellation of the penalty) of these [sins and lawbreaking], there is no longer any offering made to atone for sin. [Hebrews 10: 17-18](#)

4. Always be tender-hearted and humble towards your beloved.

For You, O Lord, are good, and ready to forgive [our trespasses, sending them away, letting them go completely and forever]; and You are abundant in mercy and loving-kindness to all those who call upon You.

[Psalm 86: 5](#)

5. Forgiveness opens the door so that the Lord's blessing can flow to you and your spouse.

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And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him and let it drop (leave it, let it go), in order that your Father Who is in heaven may also forgive you your [own] failings and shortcomings and let them drop. [Mark 11:25](#)

[The Father] has delivered and drawn us to Himself out of the control and the dominion of darkness and has transferred us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, in Whom we have our redemption through His blood, [which means] the forgiveness of our sins. [Colossians 1: 13-14](#)

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