

CAN'T WE ALL JUST
GET ALONG?



“Be Forgiving”

PHILEMON



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(1892–1983),
author of
*The Hiding Place***

“Christians are the most forgiven people in the world. Therefore, we should be the most forgiving people in the world.”



**Ken Sande,
*The Peacemaker***

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1. "To remove the guilt or obligation of any punishment"
2. "A temporary or permanent suspension of judgment"
3. "Cancellation of debt"
4. From Greek word, which means "to let go, to release" and another Greek word "to bestow favor freely or unconditionally"

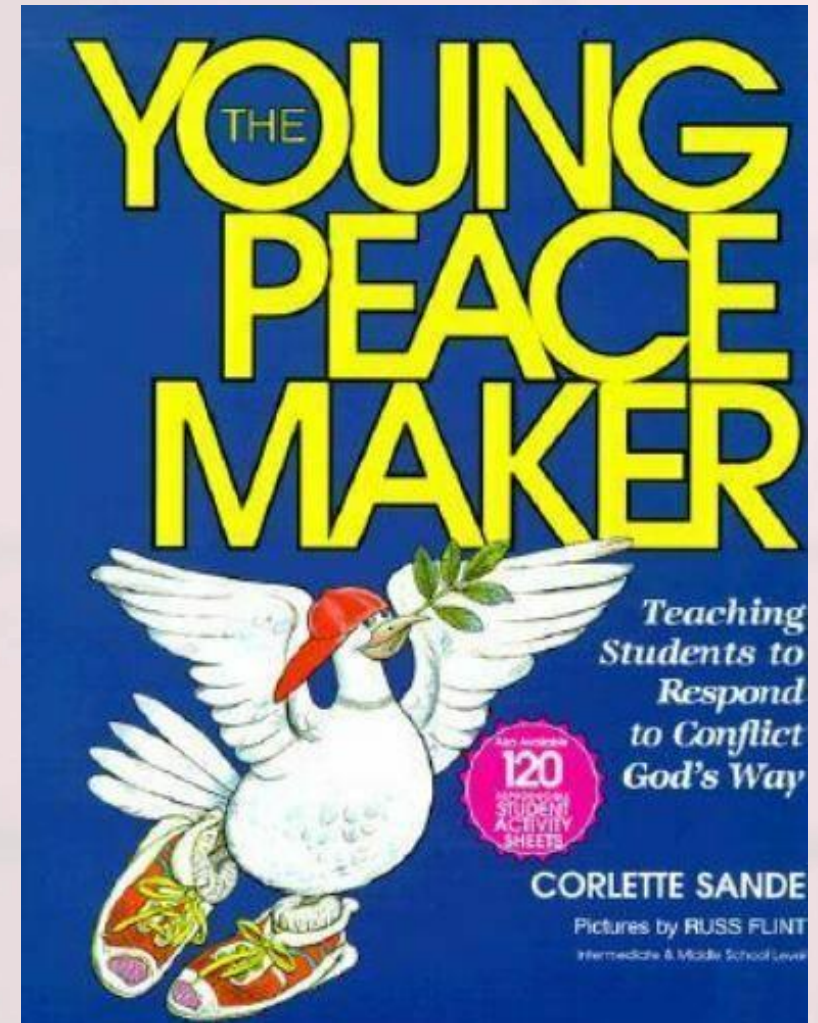
What Is Forgiveness?

“When we forgive another, you declare that you are canceling his debt, removing his guilt, and promising that you will never bring up his guilt, and promising that you will never again bring up his offenses to use against him.”



**Jay Adams, *From
Forgiven to Forgiving***

1. To not dwell on the incident. **GOOD THOUGHT**
2. To not bring up the incident again and use it against you. **HURT YOU NOT**
3. To not talk to others about this incident. **GOSSIP NEVER**
4. To not let this incident stand between you and me in our relationship. **FRIENDS FOREVER**



When You Forgive You Promise...
from *The Young Peacemaker*

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*Be kind to one another, tenderhearted,
forgiving one another,
as God in Christ forgave you.*

Ephesians 4:32

*Bearing with one another and,
if one has a complaint against another,
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as the Lord has forgiven you,
so you also must forgive.*

Colossians 3:13

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7. Forgiveness invites accountability (vs. 22-24).

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And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

Philippians 1:6

“Forgiveness is the oil that keeps the machinery of the Christian home and church running smoothly. In a world where even those who have been declared perfect in Christ sin, there is much to forgive. Christians who must work together closely find...



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“...themselves denting each others’ fenders, now and then taking out a taillight or two, and at times even having head-on collisions. Under such conditions, forgiveness is what keeps things from breaking down completely.”



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