

## Come let us Grow Together: A Fresh Balm of Forgiveness

Come let us Grow Together is a weekly series that deals with the many topical categories that exist within the Word of God. The purpose of this series is to grow in wisdom, knowledge, and understanding in things pertaining to God.

Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times? Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven. (Mt 18:21-22 KJV)

Not only are we commanded to forgive one another of our trespasses against one another, but more specifically when Peter asked the Lord how oft shall he forgive his brother, the Lord responded seventy times seven times. That's a lot of forgiveness.

Forgiveness is a process that continues every time you find your mind wondering back upon the offense that offended you. Forgiveness is not a one time thing. You must apply A Fresh Balm of Forgiveness each and every time you find yourself offended once again over what someone has done to you.

A good place to start when trying to forgive your brother that has sinned against you, is to reflect upon yourself and the many offenses you have done to others and remember that we are by no means perfect and make many mistakes in our lives. But let us put that behind us and press on "toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." (Phil 3:14 KJV) Let us "Lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God." (Heb 12:1-2 KJV)

Who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame. For who? Us sinners that committed offense against God! Remember Jesus died on the cross for everyone, including the one that has committed an offense against you. Let us remember to apply A Fresh Balm of Forgiveness to our wounds when we find that they are once again exposed. "Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled;" (Heb 12:15 KJV)

But we are wise to the tricks of the enemy because we have "Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. (Eph 6:11-12 KJV)

You have put on the whole armour of God haven't you? "But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust." (Mt 5:44-45 KJV)

Let us remember to apply A Fresh Balm of Forgiveness in our lives that we may too be the children of the Highest.