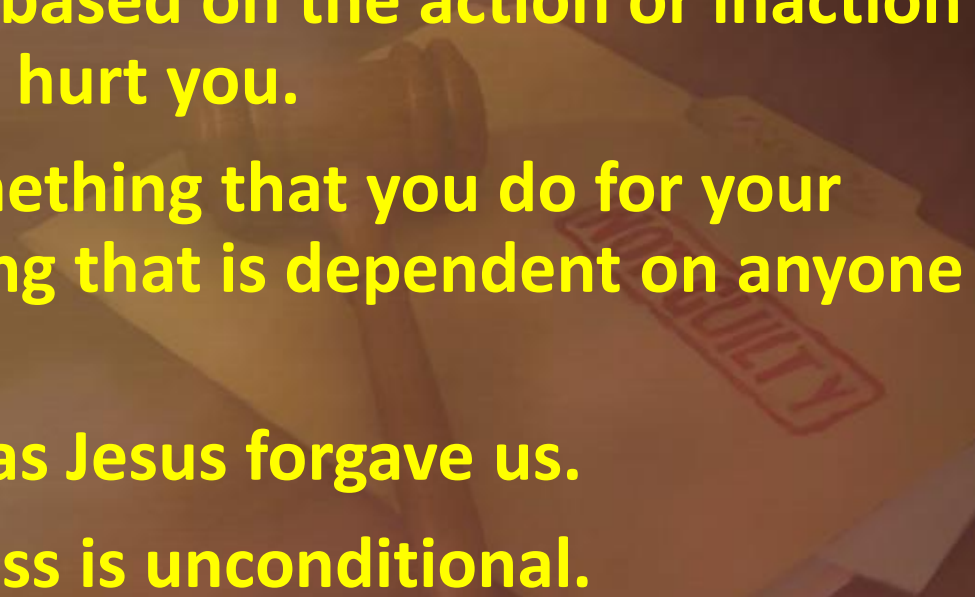


Offering Grace

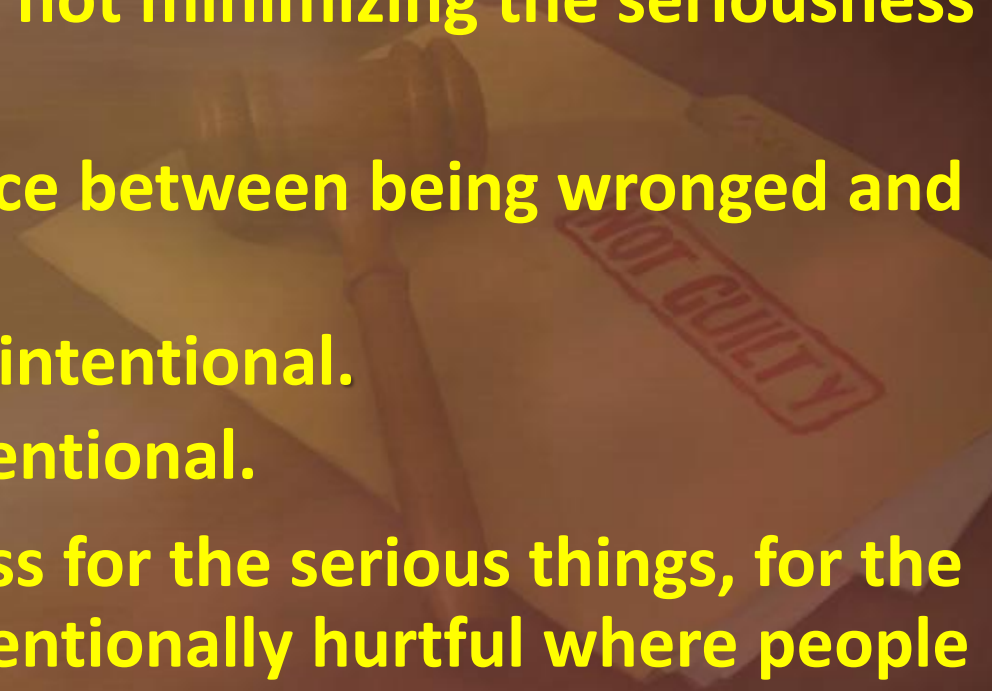
Matthew 6:11-15



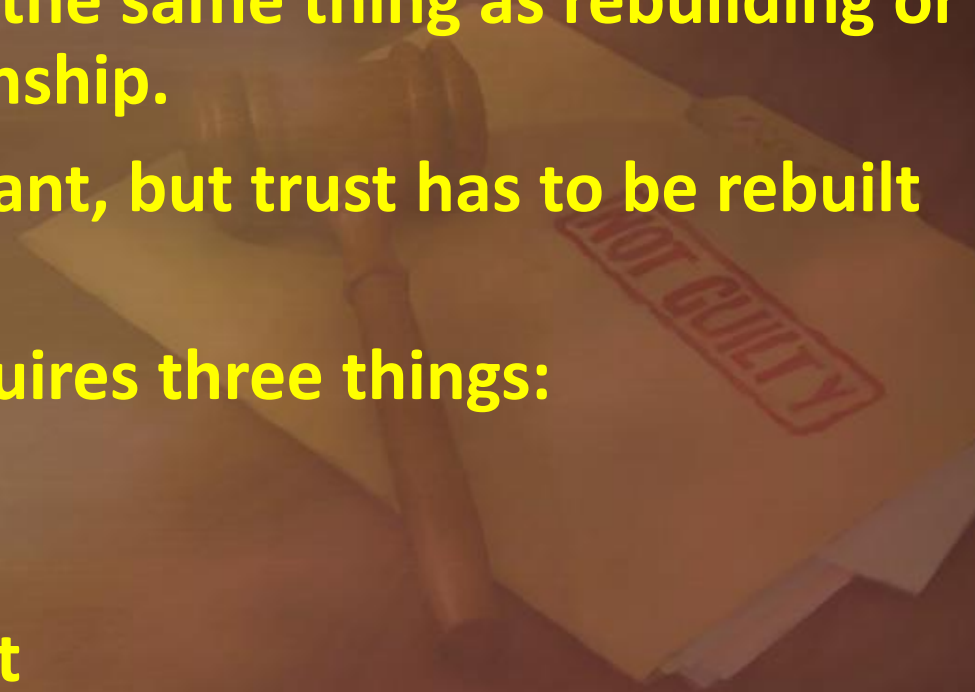
Forgiveness Is Not Conditional

- Forgiveness is not based on the action or inaction of the person who hurt you.
 - Forgiveness is something that you do for your sake, not something that is dependent on anyone else.
 - We are to forgive as Jesus forgave us.
 - Genuine forgiveness is unconditional.
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- A stack of papers is visible in the background, with a red stamp that says "GUILTY" and a pen resting on them.

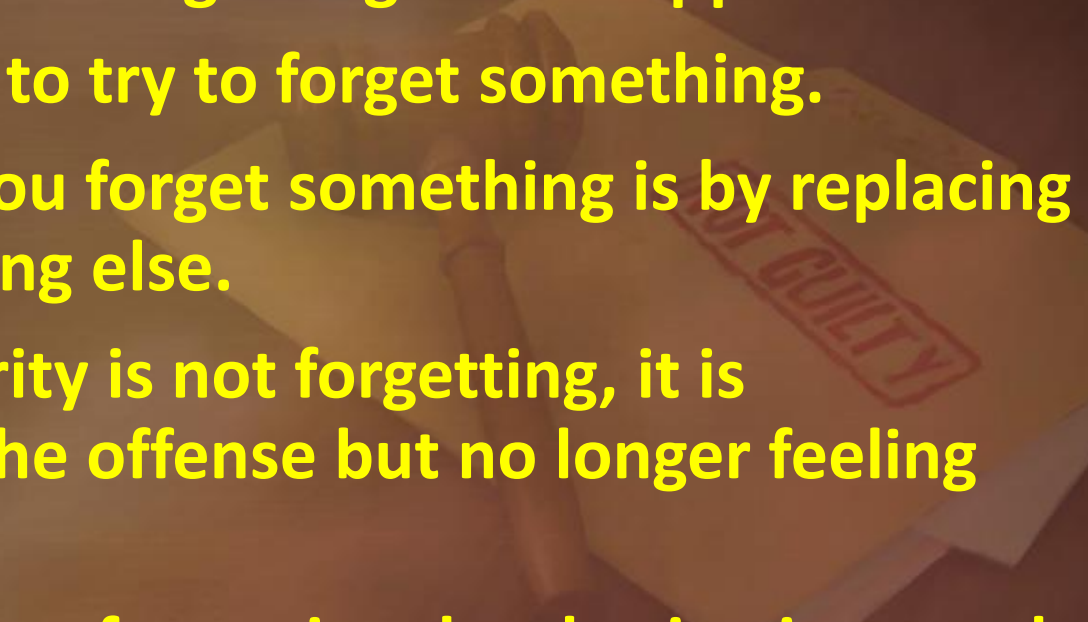
Real Forgiveness

- Real forgiveness is not minimizing the seriousness of the offense.
 - There is a difference between being wronged and being wounded.
 - Wounds are unintentional.
 - Wrongs are intentional.
 - Reserve forgiveness for the serious things, for the things that are intentionally hurtful where people mean you harm.
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- A wooden gavel is positioned diagonally across a document. The document has a red stamp that reads "NOT GUILTY". The background is a dark, textured surface.

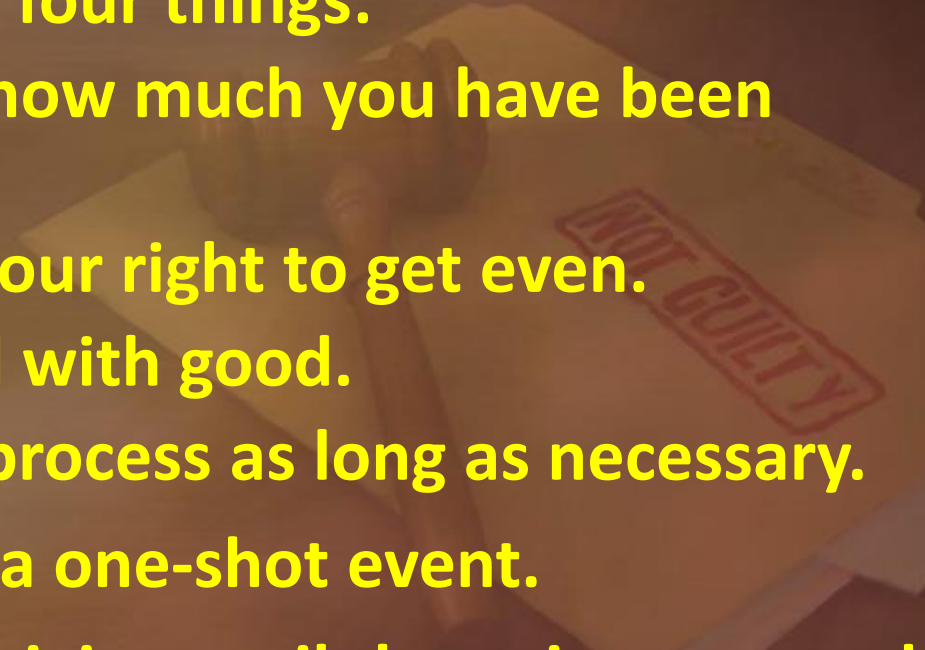
Forgiveness Is Not Trust

- Forgiveness is not the same thing as rebuilding or restoring a relationship.
 - Forgiveness is instant, but trust has to be rebuilt over time.
 - Reconciliation requires three things:
 - Repentance
 - Restitution
 - Rebuilding trust
 - Forgiveness is based on grace, trust is earned.
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- A wooden gavel is positioned diagonally across a stack of papers. A prominent red stamp on the top sheet of paper reads "NOT GUILTY". The background is a dark, textured surface, possibly a book cover or a wall.

Forgiveness Is Not Forgetting

- Forgiveness is not forgetting what happened.
 - It is impossible to try to forget something.
 - The only way you forget something is by replacing it with something else.
 - Christian maturity is not forgetting, it is remembering the offense but no longer feeling the pain of it.
 - Forgiveness is not forgetting, but letting it go and moving on.
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- A faint background image shows a hand holding a pen over a document. The document has a red stamp that says "NOT GUILTY".

Conclusion

- Real forgiveness is four things:
 - Remembering how much you have been forgiven.
 - Relinquishing your right to get even.
 - Respond to evil with good.
 - Repeating the process as long as necessary.
 - Forgiveness is not a one-shot event.
 - You must keep forgiving until the pain stops and the desire to get revenge goes away.
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- A wooden gavel is positioned diagonally across a stack of papers. One of the papers has a red stamp that reads "NOT GUILTY". The background is a dark, textured surface.