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UNFORGIVENESS

In Mark 11:25-26 it says, ***“And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have aught against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses. But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses.”***

I could ask everyone in a room if there was someone that whom they hadn't forgiven, and most of the hands would go up. Offenses come, but what we do with them determines what happens to us. Unforgiveness hurts us more than the person that offended us. It can cause us to lose our peace, not sleep well, get sick and more.

One night during Bible Study at our Church the Lord said shut down the service and go out the door to witness and pray for people. So, we did just that. We talked to many and one couple received salvation in the nearby laundromat. We then started to head back to the church when the Lord told me to pray for a man in the parking lot. I approached him with a few other church members and asked him if he needed prayer. He said “yes.” He had an ongoing condition that needed healing. Now I love to pray for people, and I love to see them healed expecting just that to happen when I prayed (faith in action). As I started to pray the Holy Spirit told me not to pray until I asked him if there was someone that he needed to forgive. In asking, he said “Yes, there was someone from 30 years earlier that he hadn't forgiven.”

I told him that the Lord wanted to heal him but this unforgiveness was stopping it from happening. I asked him if he was ready to forgive and let go, and he said, “yes.” When I prayed for him, he was instantly healed. It was amazing, he had to wait 30 years to receive a healing because of this “sin” called unforgiveness in his life.

I see this kind of situation often my friends and it can be avoided if we don't let offenses get to us. It truly isn't worth being in bondage to it. How about you? Is there someone that you haven't forgiven causing you not to receive God's blessings in your life? If so, why not get it right now so Satan has no legal right to accuse you before God. You don't want God to not forgive you because of unforgiveness!