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“For if you forgive men their trespasses your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.”

Matt 6: 14-15

There are many of us who have been wronged by others, especially those that are incarcerated. I can remember being locked up and for many years I carried around with me a lot of anger and thoughts of vengeance, for those who in my mind, had done me wrong. There were those who turned on me to save their own hides, many who I thought were my friends had turned their backs on me, and I even had anger for some of my family members because I didn't think they were being supportive of me in my time of need, not to mention the lawyers and the penal system. As I look back on it I realize now what a selfish attitude I had. None of them put me where I was at. Not even the ones who turned state's evidence. I did what I did and if I hadn't of done it then they wouldn't have had anything to tell. I'll be the first to admit, giving forgiveness is not an easy task. It is however a necessary one if we want to receive forgiveness of our own sins. Now I'm no scholar or theologian by any means. I'm just a simple man who reads and studies his Bible and does a whole lot of praying for answers. I believe we receive God's grace as soon as we believe in Him, I believe we are forgiven at that very moment. But... and it's a big but; if we truly have accepted Him into our hearts we will want to do the things that are according to His will rather than our own. In other words I believe we got some wiggle room on this subject. Not on the forgiveness part, we have to forgive; I just don't think it has to be

immediate like He is with us. But we do have to be working on it and we have to be sincere about it in our hearts. He knows we are not Him and we cannot always give forgiveness immediately but as long as we are seeking His will and trying to forgive those we are resentful towards we will continue to find His grace. I also know that from my own experience when I follow God's words and apply it to forgiving others the forgiveness comes a whole lot sooner than I expected it to. Another thing I use to always think about forgiveness, is that it was all for the other person, that they would somehow gain something for my forgiveness. That's not what it is at all. It's all about me and I must admit I kind of like it when it's all about me. Me, forgiving someone else is not about them, it's about my own happiness, and it's about my own inner peace, my own serenity. It's all about God's will for my life so that I can be a happy individual and a capable one to be of service to my fellow man. It's about being a witness for Him, and He knows what a stubborn individual I can be when someone crosses me, so he had to lay down a strict tough rule that forces me to give forgiveness to others. Sorry folks, there is no gray area here; we are commanded to forgive just as He has forgiven us. I know it's not an easy task, but if we continue to work on it, we will find our hardened hearts become forgiving ones. In the meantime remember this: "You will never forgive anyone more than God has already forgiven you."

God's Peace,

Kevin

May Trivia and Fun Facts

DID YOU KNOW?

Blue jeans were officially invented in May of 1873 after Levi Strauss and Jacob Davis obtained a patent for the pants on May 20th. The birthstone for May is the emerald which represents love and success.

The zodiac signs for May are Taurus (April 20-May 20) and Gemini (May 21-June 20). The birth flower for May is Lily of the Valley.

The month May was named for Maia, the Greek goddess of fertility. In any given year, no month ever begins or ends on the same day of the week as May does.

May was once considered a bad luck month to get married. There is a poem that says "Marry in May and you'll rue the day." May is the month of autumn in the Southern Hemisphere, and

spring in the Northern Hemisphere.

Historical moments of May:

The Empire State Building opened on May 1, 1931. Minnesota was admitted to the Union on May 11, 1858.

On May 14, 1804, Lewis and Clark began their trip up the Missouri River. The first regular airmail service in the United States began May 15, 1918. During the civil war, Abraham Lincoln signed the Homestead Act on May 20, 1862.

On May 20, 1932 Amelia Earhart flew across the Atlantic Ocean, marking the first solo flight by a woman. South Carolina became the 8th state on May 23, 1788.

The first permanent English set-

tlement in America was established on May 24, 1607 in Jamestown, VA. San Francisco's beautiful Golden Gate Bridge opened May 27, 1937.

Rhode Island became the 13th state on May 29, 1790. On May 29, 1848, Wisconsin became the 30th state.

AND, LAST BUT NOT LEAST-

FAMOUS MAY BIRTHDAYS:

Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson, May 2, 1972. David Beckham, May 2, 1975. Adele, May 5, 1988. George Clooney, May 6, 1961. Rob Gronkowski, May 14, 1989. Cheryl Sarkisian, otherwise known as Cher, May 20, 1946

Christopher Wallace, also known as Notorious B.I.G., Mr. "T" and Tom Brown, May 21, 1972

Bob Dylan, May 24, 1941. Bob Hope, May 29, 1903.

Praise and Prayer

"Oh Merciful Father, I stand before You weighed down by the chains of unforgiveness, aware of the grudges I've held onto, and the pain that lingers in my heart. It feels so heavy, this burden of anger and resentment, and I recognize that it creates a wall between You and me, blocking Your light and grace from shining through.

Yet, Lord, I understand that forgiveness is not just an act for the one who wronged me, but a release for my own soul. It's a declaration of my trust in You and Your justice. I long to be free, to live in Your light, but this road seems challenging and treacherous, and I need Your guidance to navigate it. Amen."

"Heavenly Father, I acknowledge the hurt and pain that has caused me to harbor resentment. It seems so difficult to let go, to release this anger. The memories play repeatedly in my mind, fueling the flames of bitterness. Yet, I yearn to walk in the path You've set for me, a path of forgiveness and grace.

Grant me the strength, dear Lord, to rise above these feelings of hurt and

betrayal. Fill my heart with Your love and compassion so that I can look past my pain and see the potential for healing and restoration. Let me be a vessel of Your love, reflecting Your grace even when it's hard. Amen"

"Holy Spirit, the Comforter, I invite You into the wounded areas of my heart. Where there is pain, bring healing. Where there is darkness, shine Your radiant light. I understand that forgiveness doesn't always mean forgetting, but it does mean releasing the hold this pain has over me.

I pray for a renewed spirit, free from the shackles of unforgiveness. Transform my heart, making it receptive to Your love and grace. Let every wound be an avenue for Your love to flow in and through, bringing about complete healing and a fresh start. Amen"

"I forgive every situation and every person I once held in my mind. And, as I release it into Your hands, **I am set free.** I shout praises of joy in Your Holy name. In Your presence is where I always want to be.

Help me to live a Holy life, dear Lord. Show me the way and let me be a light and an example to those around me. I release the past and unforgiveness as I declare I am set free, in Jesus' Holy name, Amen!"

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Baseball Facts



BASEBALL PARK

WORD SEARCH PUZZLE

1. The life span of a major league baseball is 5–7 pitches. During a typical game, approximately 70 balls are used.

2. Baseball's L.A. Dodgers, originally founded in Brooklyn, are named after the legendary skill that local residents showed at "dodging" the city's trolley streetcar system.

3. A "can of corn" is an easy fly ball. The term comes from when old-time grocers used their aprons to catch cans knocked from a high shelf.

4. Craig Biggio (1965–) of the Houston Astros holds the record for a player most often hit by a pitch.

5. The oldest baseball park still in use is Fenway Park, the home field of the Boston Red Sox, which debuted in 1912.

6. The New York Yankees were the first baseball team to wear numbers on their backs, in the 1920s. They initially wore numbers based on the batting order. Babe Ruth always hit third, so he was number 3.

7. Ken Griffey Sr. and Ken Griffey Jr. became the first father and son to play in the major leagues as teammates for the Seattle Mariners in 1990. On September 14, 1990, they hit back-to-back home runs, creating another father-son baseball first.

8. Visiting teams wear (at least mostly) gray uniforms so fans can easily distinguish between the visiting team and the home team. The tradition dates back to the late 1800s when traveling teams did not have time to launder their uniforms and, consequently, wore gray to hide the dirt.

- ADULTS
- BACKSTOP
- BASES
- BLEACHER
- BULL PEN
- CAGE
- CROWD
- DIAMOND
- DOME
- DUGOUT
- EXCITING
- FANS
- FENCE
- GAME
- KIDS
- LIGHTS
- NOISE
- PLAYERS
- SCORE
- SEATS
- SHOUT
- SIGNS
- SING
- STADIUM
- TICKET
- TIERS
- UMPIRE
- VISITORS

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Find and circle each word.



9. Hot dogs are the most popular ball-park food item. Baseball fans ate 21,357,316 hot dogs and 5,508,887 sausages during the 2014 major league season. That is enough hot dogs to stretch from Dodger Stadium in LA to Wrigley Field in Chicago.

10. The record for the least amount of people at a baseball game was set in 2011 when the Florida Marlins played the Cincinnati Reds. Due to Hurricane Irene, just 347 people attended the game.

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			James 1:17	Psalm 145:5	Isaiah 26:3	I Corinthians 2:9
5 Ephesians 4:23	6 Psalm 40:3	7 Psalm 147:4	8 Matthew 6:8	9 Ezekiel 36:26	10 Mark 7:10	11 Ephesians 5:8
12 Luke 11:33	13 Thessalonians 5:14	14 Romans 8:25	15 Ephesians 3:17-18	16 2 Corinthians 13:11b	17 Hebrews 12:1	18 James 4:8
19 Psalm 149:4	20 Isaiah 43:18	21 Mark 9:23	22 Isaiah 45:9	23 Ephesians 6:7	24 Psalm 145:13a	25 Mark 11:24
26 Ephesians 4:2	27 I Corinthians 9:24	28 Philippians 3:14	29 I Timothy 6:17	30 Psalm 34:4	31 I Peter 3:4	



Mother's Day

