

Series: After the Beginning
The Amazing Power of True Forgiveness
Part Nine: Forgiven and Forgiveness 101 – The Solution
(The Tragic Consequences of an Unforgiving Heart)
Genesis 43:1-48:22

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Introduction and Review:

1. A HARD LOOK AT THE PROBLEM: (Correctly identify what is and what is not authentic forgiveness)

A. Understand What True and Authentic Forgiveness is NOT: (How Joseph could have acted and reacted)

B. Understand What True and Authentic Forgiveness IS: (A story from the New Testament: Matthew 18:21-35)

C. Understand the Tragic Consequences of Living in a spirit of Un-forgiveness:

- 1.) You grieve the _____.
- 2.) You are left with your own _____ when everyone else has moved on.
- 3.) You make God your enemy inviting severe _____.
- 4.) You lose any potential of _____ or personal ministry.
- 5.) You destroy your _____ through your tainted testimony.
- 6.) You give occasion to the _____ to discredit our _____ and the veracity of the _____.
- 7.) You lose _____ with the Father and with other believers.

2. A GRATEFUL LOOK AT THE SOLUTION: (Choosing to live in Faith, Obedience and Victory!)

A. A Biblical Theology of Forgiving and Forgiveness. (Next Week: Part Ten)

Moment of Decision: