



Greetings Family!

As we step into the month of March, I pray that you are experiencing the presence of God like never before! This month, as we continue in our series, "**Keeping Score**," we are being challenged to **stop keeping score** in areas that hinder us from receiving God's best. Last week's message, "**Losing Count on Offenses**" encouraged us to **let go of grudges, embrace grace, and reflect God's mercy**. If you missed the message, take a moment to view the message with the link provided

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YXuMTtkRj5Y> I want to be honest, one of the biggest areas

where I tend to keep score is in **forgiveness**—counting how many times someone has wronged me, waiting for the “right” apology, or simply refusing to let go of past pain. How about you? However, there is hope. Jesus calls me...well all of us, to **lose count** when it comes to offenses...and choose a lifestyle of **unlimited forgiveness**. Let me be clear, forgiveness is not just an obligation, it's a choice, an act of obedience, and a **gift that sets us free**. (That's so good!) Keeping this in mind, let's explore the **key benefits of offering forgiveness**.

1. **Restores Our Relationship with God** (Matthew 6:14-15): Unforgiveness blocks our relationship with God, but when we forgive, we open ourselves to His mercy and grace.
2. **Releases Us from Bitterness & Resentment** (Hebrews 12:15): Forgiveness removes toxic emotions and allows joy to return to our hearts.
3. **Brings Inner Peace & Reduces Stress** (Colossians 3:13): Forgiveness removes the mental weight of anger, frustration, and stress.
4. **Strengthens Relationships & Restores Broken Bonds** (Romans 12:18): Forgiveness heals marriages, friendships, and family conflicts by breaking cycles of resentment.
5. **Frees Us from the Enemy's Stronghold** (2 Corinthians 2:10-11): The enemy wants to keep us bound in bitterness, but forgiveness breaks those chains...both *emotional and spiritual bondages!!!*
6. **Leads to a More Joyful & Fulfilling Life** (Proverbs 17:22): A forgiving heart leads to a life filled with joy, peace, and purpose.

Family, Jesus made this very clear... ***forgiveness is not an option—it's a command*** that leads to **FREEDOM!** (Can I get an Amen?!). Let's read this again, "***forgiveness is not an option—it's a command*** that leads to **FREEDOM!** (*That's powerful!*) I'm convinced that the moment we forgive, we **release pain, break strongholds, and walk in the fullness of God's blessings**.

Who do you need to forgive? Do it today. ***What do you need to let go of?*** Do it today. Here's my encouragement to you, "Don't delay any longer!" Take a moment today to ask God to help you release any unforgiveness in your heart. Trust me...He will help you...just take a step and you will experience a new level of freedom that you've been longing for!!! (Galatians 5:1)

Jewels and I are praying for you continually!

Blessings,
-PJ

Love God - Love People - Experience Freedom