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Forgiveness Predicaments:

You have told someone something private and they have told others.

Someone has hurt someone you care about.

Someone has made you look stupid in front of others.

Someone has hurt you the same way repeatedly and after they say sorry they do it again.

Someone has gossiped about you or told people things that are not true.

Someone has hurt you and doesn't care if you forgive them or not.

You want someone's forgiveness but they won't forgive you.

Relevant Bible Passages:

Luke 17:3 So watch yourselves. "If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him. 4 If he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times comes back to you and says, 'I repent,' forgive him."

John 20:23 If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

2 Corinthians 2:7 Now instead, you ought to forgive and comfort him, so that he will not be overwhelmed by excessive sorrow.

2 Corinthians 2:10 If you forgive anyone, I also forgive him. And what I have forgiven — if there was anything to forgive — I have forgiven in the sight of Christ for your sake,

2 Corinthians 12:13 How were you inferior to the other churches, except that I was never a burden to you? Forgive me this wrong!

Colossians 3:13 Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

Hebrews 8:12 For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more."

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Some other passages on conflict:

James 1:19-20; Proverbs 15:1; Ephesians 4:26; Colossians 3:13; Romans 12:19-21; Luke 6:31; Psalm 133.