

4. REFOCUS \_\_\_\_\_ .

*“So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it.”*  
– Hebrews 4:16

**God’s Grace Works In:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ to forgive others.
- \_\_\_\_\_ who need forgiveness.

**Key Idea:**

Choose to \_\_\_\_\_  
so I can choose \_\_\_\_\_ .

*“Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you.”*  
– Ephesians 4:32

**MY NEXT STEP TODAY IS TO...**

- Memorize Colossians 3:13.
- Accept God’s forgiveness and trust Jesus for the first time.
- Ask God to help me forgive \_\_\_\_\_ .
- Sign up today to serve at Trunk or Treat 2016.

**DON'T BELIEVE IT!** DUMB THINGS THAT SMART PEOPLE BELIEVE

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**DON'T Believe It:** Forgiveness means \_\_\_\_\_ .

**The Dangers of Thinking  
“Forgiveness Means Forgetting”**

- I lose my ability to \_\_\_\_\_ .
- I lose my motivation to \_\_\_\_\_ .
- I lose my ability to \_\_\_\_\_ .

**DO Believe It:** Forgiveness is a \_\_\_\_\_ .

**Memory Verse:**

*“You must make allowance for each other’s faults and forgive the person who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others.”*  
– Colossians 3:13

**FORGIVING MEANS FORGETTING**

## I CAN CHOOSE TO FORGIVE WHEN I...

### 1. REMEMBER \_\_\_\_\_.

*“You were dead because of your sins and because your sinful nature was not yet cut away. Then God made you alive with Christ. He forgave all our sins.”*

– Colossians 2:13

### 2. RELEASE \_\_\_\_\_.

*“Then Peter came to him and asked, ‘Lord, how often should I forgive someone who sins against me? Seven times?’ ‘No!’ Jesus replied, ‘seventy times seven!’”*

– Matthew 18:21-22

*“Then the king called in the man he had forgiven and said, ‘You evil servant! I forgave you that tremendous debt because you pleaded with me. Shouldn’t you have mercy on your fellow servant, just as I had mercy on you?’*

*Then the angry king sent the man to prison until he had paid every penny.’ That’s what my heavenly Father will do to you if you refuse to forgive your brothers and sisters in your heart.”*

– Matthew 18:32-35

### 3. RECONSIDER \_\_\_\_\_.

*“If you forgive those who sin against you, your heavenly Father will forgive you. But if you refuse to forgive others, your Father will not forgive your sins.”*

– Matthew 6:14-15

*“Never pay back evil for evil to anyone. Do things in such a way that everyone can see you are honorable... Dear friends, never avenge yourselves. Leave that to God. For it is written, ‘I will take vengeance; I will repay those who deserve it,’ says the Lord.”*

– Romans 12:17-19