**Forgiveness**

**My Favorite Thought: Every enemy you make has ten friends. The only way to break the cycle of the orbit of consciousness of hate, revenge, and anger in this world is through forgiveness. Left unchecked, we have nothing but reoccurring war and reoccurring hatred. We see the Arab and Israeli issues and problems in the West Bank. Forgiveness of the past is the only answer. We must forgive and we must press on. *(Christopher Ian Chenoweth, Unity Minister)***

**My Favorite Stor*y:* There was a lady named Corrie Ten Boom who had to live through the Holocaust. She had to endure terrible acts of atrocity from the hands of her captors at the concentration camp known as Ravensbruck. One of these atrocities was watching her sister die. Later, she would come back to a defeated Germany and preach to the people about love and forgiveness. A man pushed through the crowd towards the front, and as he stood there before the lady, she recognized him as one of the guards from the camp. He had since become a Christian and held out his hand to her and asked if she would forgive him. Her response: “Still I stood with the coldness clutching my heart. But forgiveness is not an emotion ~~--~~ I knew that too. Forgiveness is an act of the will, and the will can function regardless of the temperature of the heart. ‘Jesus help me!’ I prayed silently. ‘I can lift my hand, I can do that much. You supply the feeling.’ And so woodenly, mechanically, I thrust my hand into the one stretched out to me. And as I did, an incredible thing took place . . . I had never known God’s love so intensely as I did then.” (Jake & Keith Provance, in Don’t Give Up, p. 17)**

**My Favorite Funny: Dolly kneels and prays: “. . . And please forgive the dessert Grandma had at the restaurant. She said it was sinful.” *(Bil Keane, in The Family Circus comic strip)***

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**October 9th, 2025 - I had been terribly hurt by my best friend. I was consumed with anger and couldn't eat or sleep. Hoping to find some peace of mind, I went for a drive. But even then I couldn't stop thinking about how my friend had let me down. I started crying so hard I had to get off the road. I pulled in to the nearest parking lot. Right there at the wheel I bowed my head. God, how can I get over this? I prayed. When I opened my eyes and looked up, I saw parked in front of me a green van with a license plate that read: FORGIVE. *(Kate Rye, in Guideposts magazine)***

**October 2nd, 2025 - A memorial service for murdered conservative activist Charlie Kirk this week drew tens of thousands of mourners to a football stadium outside Phoenix – including almost all of the top members of the Trump administration. Yet “the most remarkable moment” came from Kirk’s widow, said Andrew Egger in The Bulwark. “I forgive him because it is what Christ did,” Erika Kirk said of her husband’s alleged killer, adding that Charlie wanted to “save young men just like the one who took his life.” Erika Kirk offered “conservatives a glimpse of a hopeful future,” giving young people and families a reason to embrace the GOP. If the Right can build on her message of “forgiveness, truth, family, and faith, it will be unstoppable.” *(The Week magazine, October 3, 2025)***

**September 24th, 2025 - arthritis *(Jack E. Addington)***

**September 17th, 2025 - Unabomber *(William M. Carley, in The Wall Street Journal)***

**September 10th, 2025 - wrong hand *(Our Daily Bread)***