
The Process of Forgiveness

Victory Life Church

Part 3, "Reconciliation or Retribution?" - October 29, 2017

Do you want **reconciliation** or **retribution**?

Luke 15:11-32 - The Prodigal Son and his Older Brother

Luke 15:20-32 (NLT)

God's justice is defined by **reconciliation**, not **retribution**.

Luke 6:35-36 (ESV)

The way of Jesus is the way of **mercy**, **forgiveness**, and **reconciliation**.

Romans 12:17-21 (NLT)

Forgiveness is a choice to end the **cycle of revenge and retribution** and leave the matter of justice in the hands of God.

Matthew 16:24-27 (NLT)

The goal of forgiveness and *the goal of justice* is **reconciliation**, not **retribution**.

"There are only two kinds of people in the end: those who say to God, 'Thy will be done,' and those to whom God says, 'Thy will be done.' All that are in Hell, choose it. Without that self-choice there could be no Hell." ~ C.S. Lewis, *The Grey Divorce*

James 2:13 (NLT) & (ESV)