

Myths

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forgiveness, first for all, comes from god and then flows to everybody else. But we get developed myths bout forgiveness which go de examined and measured against god's standard, di bible.

myth 1 - god fit lai lai forgive me.

most pipo tend to gravitate to one or two extremes. Some pipo no tink dem need any forgiveness for all. Dem be laik di pharisee for luke 18 who say, "lord, i thank you wey i'm no bi as oda men are. " im

na praying god, aren't you glad wey i'm on top ya area? but i've found dat far plenti pipo gravitate go di oda extreme. Dem look for themselves and sight dia long list for sins. Dem contrast dat wit di

realization for god's ideal go for dia live and dem conclude: god fit lai lai forgive me. God fit lai lai accept me. I'm no bi worthy for am.

di true wey concern god's forgiveness fit de all di way through di bible, but dem get two passages dat realli bring it to lait.

- romans 5:6-8 - "you sight, for juss di right taim, wen we bin de still powerless, christ kpai for di ungodly. Very rarely go pesin kpai for a

righteous man, though for a gud man pesin might possibly dare to kpai. But god demonstrates im own love for we for dis: while we bin de still sinners, christ kpai for we. " oh, dat's a mouthful.

- luke 15:11-32 - di parable for di prodigal pikin. Dis show say di papa (god) desires all im pikin, di prodigal pikin, (us) to repent and return.

a) god forgives bicos it's im nature to forgive.

"god demonstrates im own love for we for dis: while we bin de still sinners, christ kpai for we. "(romans 5:8) wetin prompted god to do it? one tin na im loving nature. Di aged apostle john say simply, "our god na love. " 1 john 4:8

di parable wey we dem dey call di prodigal pikin na realli inappropriately named. It would be plenti aptly dem dey call di "parable for di loving papa. "

di whole message for di parable na no bi for di prodigalness for di pikin, it's for di magnificent love for di papa. Di bible de make clear for dis

three passages and for many oda places dat dia's nothing wey concern we wey dey help we worthy for god to forgive. E get nothing wey we fit do

for am wey dey help am any plenti complete by awa being on top im area. Di only reason god forgives na bicos it's im nature to forgive. Im na di perfect loving papa and we praise am for dat.

b) god always stands ready to forgive we.

tink wey concern di parable for di prodigal pikin. You wey be papa and mama fit identify wit dis. Make me ask you a kweshion. Di boi took im inheritance, walked away and squandered it. We no sabi how long di inheritance last, weeks, months, maybe even years. Finally, im comes walking back, wretched and hungry. Wen do di prodigal son's papa wan dat relationship be restored and don dat forgiveness ready to find to am? di minute im walked away and everi minute dat boi don go. As di young man na come haus, di papa see am while im na still a long way off and im tear race to am. Throughout dat whole saga, im love lai lai wavered and di forgiveness na always dia for di taking. But di boi no realize dat bicos im had go buy into di myth, di lai dat wen im walked away, im papa fit lai lai forgive am. It's ova. Di relationship na shot forever.

if you remember di tori, im get so hungry wey he for get even chop wit di pigs wey he na feeding. Wen dat hunger pain hit am, im finally com up wit a plan. Im say, "i tink i'll juss go haus and beg be a slave. Do you sabi why im think for becoming im father's slave? na im bicos im believed di lai di devil promise am to believe. You fit lai lai go back, and if you do, you'll be a slave. Dat's di same lai di devil wan we to believe wey concern di heavenly papa today. Dat awa god na up for heaven wit im back to we and wit im nose for di air and arms folded say, "you fit beg and you fit plead and i wan you to jump through some hoops, we'll sight how worthy you de. " wrong! wrong! god's forgiven we. Would you sight romans 5:8 again? im demonstrated im love to we for dat while we bin de yet sinners, im (thousands for years tey) make di perfect one kpai for di cross for awa place.

c) forgiveness na realized only wen it's accepted.

wen do di boi's papa forgive am? im na ready and willing to forgive am di minute im walked komot, but di boi na lost until im returned haus and cast imself for di mercy for im papa. All dat taim, im pallee na ready and waiting to put a robe on top im back, a ring on top im hand, shoe on top im feet and food for im belly. But all dat taim, di boi na penniless, starving and lost, and you fit be, too, as e stand so.

you tok, "god fit lai lai forgive me. " myth!! di true na im, don always promise to but you go live and kpai wretched, miserable, and lost

until you turn dey and head go dat cross for forgiveness dat na waiting for you. Dat na di perfect and only source for forgiveness.

god's forgiveness na waiting for everi human being if one go only accept it. Dat's wey dey create bin dey a human being fit hear if im get lai lai

heard it. Di great bin dey na, awa god say if you wan forgiveness, you must believe say jesus, di pikin for god, kpai for di cross as per sacrifice for ya sins, be willing to confess say jesus na di christ di pikin for god and di lord or oga for ya life. No hide it, believe it e don do dat

you'll tell pesin. Love jesus, then be united wit am for im death, through immersion for a grave for water, baptism, dey call on top im name to

save you, and being resurrected by god to waaka for a newness for life as per para para spiritual being.

myth 2 - i fit lai lai forgive _____.

insert di name for pesin you tink you fit lai lai forgive. But i dare tok dat for most for we, e get pesin for awa life whom we find extremely dey hard to forgive.

maybe pesin do sontin to we or say sontin wey concern we. Dem fit no bi don do or say wetin you think dem suppose don do or say. Di reason for ya resentment fit be severe, it fit be minor, it fit don happun a long, taim tey, it fit be very recent, it fit be a repeated series for tins or a one-time tin. But di true na, as you look into ya heart, it's making you miserable. You're bitter against dem and you would laik to bring punishment on top dem, but ya bitterness na dey keep you for bin expect for a cell for anger, disillusionment, and agitation.

forgiveness na di main main to unlocking you from dat cell, and it na right dia for ya pocket. You've get di main main right here. Wetin keeps we from reaching for and pulling komot dat main main na di myths wey we've come buy into wey concern forgiveness.

myth 3 - taim heals all wounds.

you don ever heard dat? taim heals all wounds. Dat's a lai. Dat old cliché na too often misused and inaccurate. For awa fear for facing di wahala, we assume dat if we'll juss throway face or put off di injure and di resentment wey we feel from pesin's offense, it go juss comot. No, di passing for taim heals unforgiven transgressions laik di passing for taim go cure an inadequately laid foundation for a haus. Or, di passing for taim go cure an infection for ya bodi. Di passing for taim only de make di kondishon worse. Di myth na taim heals all wounds - di true na taim aids healing only wen di right choices are make.

myth 4 - i've get to deny mai injure for order to forgive.

a lot for folks no forgive bicos dem de deeply injure. Dem tink if i forgive, i've get to act laik it no injure me. I've get to juss put dat smile on top mai face and go through dia and tok, "oh, i forgive you. No, dat no bother me for all." dat's no bi true. Di tin bi say, di denial for injure na sign for immaturity. A mature christian who don been offended and who wan forgive looks for a situation i no de lie and says, "you sabi, i na injure by dat,

injure badly. But by god's power, i wan work through dat and i wan get ova dat. " dat honesty na di main main to getting we

for di road to recovery for dis wahala for forgiveness. Denying di injure or denying it do no bi happun only hampers di forgiveness process. Now shine eye, no dwell on top it, but nurture it. Don't make it fester; get ova it. No deny it.

myth 5 - forgiveness and trust are di same tin.

some pipo tink dat if dem forgive a pesin, e get as e be dem've get to open up dia whole live and be totally trusting for dat pesin. While di transgressors says, "oh, dem say dem forgave me, but dem no trust me now. " but forgiveness and trust are no bi di same tin.

here's di basic difference. Forgiveness na freely give. Trust na earned. Jesus taught we to forgive pesin who offends we 70 times 7 times. We must do dat even ova di same offense. Do you tink you fit do it for di same offense? 70 times 7 times? but trust for a relationship don be built back very slowly. Everi succeeding transgression or offense de make dat trust juss dat boku harder to deal wit.

c. S. Lewis wrote dis wey concern forgiveness. Im say, "this forgiveness no de mean dat you necessarily believe di next promise. It does mean dat you must mek everi effort to kill any trace for resentment for ya heart, everi wish to humiliate, injure or pay dat pesin back. " dat's forgiveness.

myth 6 - to forgive na to fashi.

pesin says, "they've lai lai realli forgiven me bicos dem've lai lai forgotten wey concern it. " we are human beings and sontin great pain de make an indelible mark on top awa memory, and it no de juss instantly go poof and vamoosh wen we wan it to. Jeremiah 31, god says, "i go forgive dia iniquity and dia sin, i go remember no bi. " i no fit fully relate go dat. It's no bi bicos god na suddenly getting senile or get one touch for alzheimer's, god says i promise to lai lai bring it up again. We fit mek a conscious choice to put dat tin behind we and no bi dwell on top it. Don't make it keep popping up and hampering awa relationships. Di plenti mature a pesin na, di betta im fit do it.

di true wey concern forgiving

1. Remember how god don forgiven you.

dat na di absolute main main and dat's why dis lesson begin wit dat assertion. If we fully embrace dis reality, we for get precious little wahala forgiving oda pipo.

paul say for ephesians 4:32, "be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other just as for christ, god forgave you." a person who get one hard time forgiving others, go, without exception, be a person who don an inadequate sense for the grace for god.

for matthew 18, jesus told a parable wey concern a servant who serve a king and e get as e be accumulated a debt to am for 10,000 talents. an enormous sum by any standard for any kontri. Dat servant had no fit for repaying di king. Im begin pleading wit di king for im family's sake. Di merciful king forgave am, juss fashi it. You fit believe say?

then sartin plenty incredible happen. Dat servant who had been forgiven such a huge debt went and found a fellow servant who owed am a hundred denarii, extremely small compared go di how much im

had forgiven by im oga. Im demands immediate payment refusing im pleas for mercy and put am for bin expect until im fit pay. Dat first servant do no bi get clue wey concern wetin had been do for am. Here's di

clincher, god expects we to do for others wetin im get already do for we. Wey go only happen wen we realize wetin im's do for we.

2. Realize dat forgiveness na choice, no bi an emotion.

many pipo tok i no fit bring masef to forgive, or i no fit bring masef to ask for forgiveness. Forgiveness na choice, no bi an emotion. Emotions are for one dis business for forgiveness. Sometimes we are dem dey call upon to forgive wen everi emotion na fighting against it. Here's di point, it's laik evritin else for life, wen you wake up very early afta a hard and dey hard day ya emotions no wan comot for bed. But u dey? you've get to. Once you do, ya emotions begin to get for line. You get a choice wey concern forgiveness. Wen pesin offends you, you fit rehearse it or you fit release it. You fit keep rehearsing it ova and ova again and it go fester, or you fit release it. Na choice, no bi an emotion.

3. Di consequences for an unforgiving heart.

remember how di first servant treated di second servant. Wen di king heard wey concern it im "called di first servant for. 'you wicked servant,' im say, 'i canceled all dat debt for yours bicos you beg me to. No you get had mercy on top ya fellow servant juss as i had on top you?' for anger im oga turn am ova go di jailers be tortured, until im suppose pay back all wey he owed." wen di king found komot di way im treated di oda man, im say, mai forgiveness na dia for you, you claimed it.

pesin says na dat torture dat's talked wey concern for di parable symbolic for hell? yes, it na, but pass dat, it's symbolic for hell on top earth. Bicos wen resentment infects you, it tortures you. It locks you up for bin expect to get for di oda pesin and it kills you. Na dia a bitter memory-robbing you for happiness? na dia a injure dat's hurting you? make it go. It's only tormenting you. You fit be holding it against di

oda pesin and dem might no bi even sabi it. It fit no bi be hurting dem for all, and it's killing you. Dis na di only situation i fit recall for awa god pulling back di offer for forgiveness. Im says if you blatantly refuse to forgive

oda pipo, you've cut di bridge to me. Folks, make's no burn di bridge dat you and i've get to cross to get to heaven. Dat's too important for a bridge; it's di bridge dem dey call forgiveness.

di lord taught we to pray, "forgive we awa trespasses as we forgive dos who trespass against we. " do you realli wan pray lord, forgive me for exactly di same way wey i'm forgiving oda pipo? "forgive we awa trespasses juss as we are forgiving di trespasses against we. " now wey's a think