

**Sermon Handout**  
Sunday, March 9, 2025  
Central Church of Christ

**Words of the Cross: Father, Forgive Them...**  
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**Main Points:**

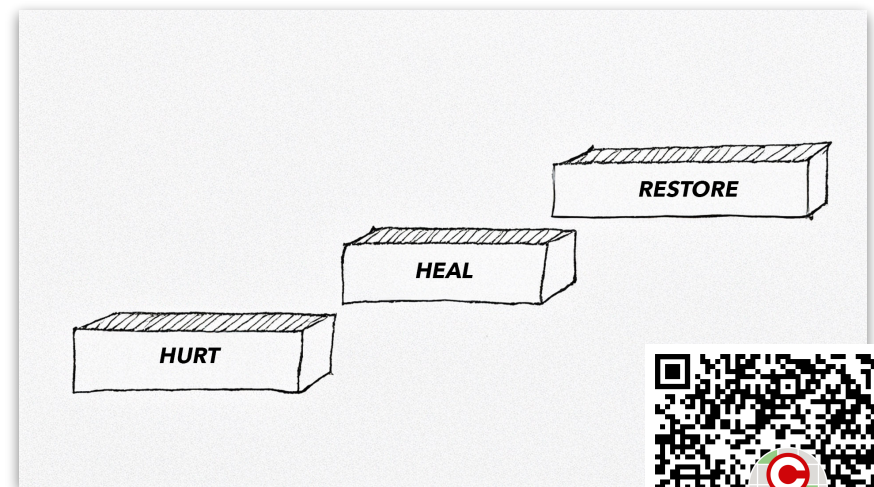
1. Receiving God's forgiveness through Jesus set us free.
2. The gift of forgiveness received through Jesus is our model for seeking and giving forgiveness to others.
3. Seeking forgiveness from others opens the door to restored relationships.
4. Forgiving others frees us from the poison of bitterness and resentment.

**Bottom Line:** Forgiveness is a gift we receive and a gift we give.

**Family Discussion Questions:**

1. Why do you think forgiveness is so hard for people?
2. Think of a time when you were forgiven. How did it feel?
3. How can understanding Jesus' sacrifice on the cross help us in our journey of forgiveness?
4. How can we model the forgiveness we receive from God in our daily lives?
5. Are there any relationships in your life where you feel called to offer forgiveness? What steps can you take toward that?

**Scripture References:** Matthew 5:21-26; Matthew 18:21-35; Luke 23:34; Acts 7:59-60; Acts 9 & 11; Romans 3:23-23; Ephesians 4:31-32; Colossians 3:13-14; Philemon 1:16; 1 John 1:8-10



*Scan the QR code for Instructions to the Steps of Forgiveness.*

