

**Prayer 101:**

**Forgive Me!**

Matthew 6:12

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*Defining Forgiveness*

* The word that is used in the Lord’s Prayer (Aphiemi) is used to describe the releasing a person or thing that we control. It means to set free. It means to be released from punishment for some wrongdoing.

*Defining Sin*

* Five words used in the New Testament for sin.
  + Romans 3:23; Luke 15:21 – This particular word is used several times in the New Testament and carries the meaning of “*Missing the mark*.”
  + Eph. 2:1; Col. 3:13 – This word is often translated “*offenses*” or “*trespass*” in the New Testament.  It carries the idea of “*slipping or falling*.”
  + James 2:9 – This word is usually translated as “*transgression*.”  It refers to “an *intentional crossing of the boundaries established by God in His Word.*”
  + 1 John 3:4; Matt. 7:23 – This word is usually translated either by “*iniquity*” or by “*transgression*.”  It literally means “*without the Law or lawlessness.*”
  + Matt. 6:12 – This words is translated “*debt, debtor or ought*.”  It refers to something that is “*owed to another party*.”

*Defining Conditions Of Forgiveness*

* “I am never more like Jesus than when I can forgive those who have offended me!  So, when I pray this simple prayer, I am saying, ‘*Lord, help me to be more like you!*’” (Alan Carr)