

RESTORING BROKEN RELATIONSHIPS

The Motivation of Forgiveness Philemon 8-16

Key Thought: Our forgiveness to others is linked to God's forgiveness of us.

1. We forgive because _____ compels us. (vv. 8-10)

"... yet I prefer to appeal to you on the basis of love."

2. We forgive because _____ is possible. (vv. 11-13)

"Formerly he was useless to you, but now he has become useful ..."

3. We forgive because it can _____ relationships. (vv. 14-16)

"He is very dear to me but even dearer to you ..."

Forgiveness is a _____. (v. 14)

Forgiveness is a _____. (v. 15)

Forgiveness is a _____. (v. 16)