

2. I'm riding the " _____ " seesaw.

- In the human mind, there is a seesaw with one side labeled " _____ " and the other side labeled " _____ ." The only way to keep the seesaw in balance is to make sure you have enough of one to balance out the other!

3. I can't _____ what I don't _____.

- ONLY THE _____ CAN TRULY FORGIVE!
 - **Ephesians 4:32** And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.
 - **Romans 3:23** For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.
- GRACE is a deliberate _____ to give something good to someone who doesn't deserve it.
 - **2 Corinthians 5:21** For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.
 - **Matthew 6:12** And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

THE POWER OF FORGIVENESS

Part 1 – **Why I Can't Forgive** (Sunday Morning, September 24)

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The Power Of Forgiveness



Part 1 – Why I Can't Forgive

Matthew 6:14-15 (NLT) If you forgive those who sin against you, your heavenly Father will forgive you. But if you refuse to forgive others, your Father will not forgive your sins.

THERE ARE THREE REASONS WHY I CAN'T FORGIVE:

1. I don't _____ what forgiveness is and what it _____.

Rate each of the following statements as an **ACCURATE** or an **INACCURATE** description of forgiveness.

- You cannot honestly forgive someone unless that person shows some remorse for what they did.
_____ **ACCURATE** _____ **INACCURATE**
- If you really forgive someone, you would want that person to be released from the consequences of their actions.
_____ **ACCURATE** _____ **INACCURATE**
- If you genuinely forgive someone, you should rebuild your relationship with that person.
_____ **ACCURATE** _____ **INACCURATE**
- If you have really forgiven someone, you should be able to forget what they have done to you.
_____ **ACCURATE** _____ **INACCURATE**