



Forgiving the Banished

Part Two **2 Samuel 14**

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- Forgiveness can be a very _____ thing to do, yet it is so needed.
- Absalom had been banished (pushed off) for three years, and desperately needed his dad's (David's) forgiveness.
- Let's examine what this woman told David about why he needed to forgive Absalom, and apply it to our lives. Why should you forgive?

First, because your unforgiveness hurts _____
– vs. 13

Second, because _____ is a reality - vs. 14

- Every day that you hold unforgiveness in your heart - you can _____ go back and get those days back.
- There are people who destroy any quality of life they might enjoy because of unforgiveness, and when _____ finally comes there are so many regrets.
- *“Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye. And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness.” Colossians 3:12-14*

Third, because of God's abundant _____ and forgiveness - vs. 14

- God did not want mankind to have to be banished, expelled, and cast off forever. So, God devised the proper means to prevent it.
- *“For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly... But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.” Romans 5:6, 8*
- As Jesus died on the cross, what did He say to those who were killing Him? *“Father, _____ them for they know not what they do.”*
- What should this motivate me to do?
- *“And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, _____ one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.” Ephesians 4:32*
- Oh, the _____ that comes when we choose the way of Christ, and forgive.