

Through Another Man's Eyes

(1 Peter 3:10-11)

- Introduction:
1. All of us have lived long enough to have experienced the difficulty in extending forgiveness to those who sin against us.
 2. In the prayer Jesus taught his disciples to pray, He instructed them to “forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us” (Matthew 6:12).
 3. While knowing what the right thing to do is simple enough, it is actually a very difficult proposition to put into practice.
 4. In this lesson, we will examine a few principles that will help us learn to forgive, using Eliam as a contextual backdrop.

I. Realize the Danger of Hard Feelings

- A. (Genesis 27) Jacob and Esau.
- B. (Genesis 37) Joseph and his brothers.
- C. (Matthew 5:21-24).
- D. (1 John 3:15).

II. Discern Between the Sin and the Sinner

- A. (John 8:3-12).
- B. (Romans 12:9).
- C. (Psalm 25:7).

III. Take Action to Help You Get Beyond the Offense

- A. Get to know your offender (Luke 23:34).
- B. Pray for your offender (Matthew 5:44-45).
- C. Do good for your offender (Romans 12:20-21).
- D. Talk to your offender about the offense (Matthew 5:23-24).

- Conclusion:
1. It's easy to “love your enemy” until you actually have one.
 2. As we try to follow in the footsteps of Jesus, we need to learn the key to overcoming bitterness is love.
 3. (1 Peter 3:10-11).