



- 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**

- The Bible likens believers to a _____. We are all members of that body.
- *"Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular."*
1 Corinthians 12:27
- You need to forgive so that the body of Christ can function effectively and efficiently. You _____ the cause of Christ when you harbor unforgiveness.
- *"Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel."*
Philippians 1:27
- *"Sufficient to such a man is this punishment, which was inflicted of many. So that contrariwise ye ought rather to forgive him, and comfort him, lest perhaps such a*

one should be swallowed up with overmuch sorrow. Wherefore I beseech you that ye would confirm your love toward him.” 2 Corinthians 2:6-8

- The word “comfort” means “to call _____; invite; invoke.”
- Forgiveness that does not comfort and love the other person is not a _____ forgiveness.
- Do you know what this does? It opens the door to _____.
- *“To whom ye forgive any thing, I forgive also: for if I forgave any thing, to whom I forgave it, for your sakes forgave I it in the person of Christ; Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices.” 2 Corinthians 2:10-11*

Are there _____ that you need to let go of today?

“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 _____ you, so also do ye.” Colossians 3:12-13