

Myth 2 - Forgiving is an Undo/Delete Button  
Matt 6:13-14      LHEFC      8/29/10

Understanding forgiveness as hitting the undo or delete button would mean:

We are told to forgive as God has forgiven us.  
How does God forgive us?

1. By dealing with the wrongs
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. By not using our wrongs against us
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. By expecting a change in us.

## Care Group Homework

1. Describe something you and a brother or sister did together.
2. Tell about a prize you won.
  3. What principles or insights from this message did you find most helpful, challenging or troubling? Why?
4. Have you had an experience where someone expected you to treat forgiveness like hitting an undo or delete button?
5. What issues do you see might develop if we accept that forgiveness is like hitting an undo or delete button?
6. What does the phrase “Forgive and Forget” mean to you? Do you agree with it?
7. Read Hebrews 8:12 and Hebrews 10:17 Does God “forgive and forget” our sins? Is it really possible for God to forget something? How do you understand the phrase “I will remember their sins no more?”

The text actually says that he “remembers it no longer” which most likely means that he chooses not to have it control his actions, or response towards us.
8. Read 2 Samuel 17:1-20. What does this passage say about sin, forgiveness and consequences?

David is forgiven for his sin, but that doesn’t clear him from the consequences of his sin.
9. Read Acts 3:19 and Luke 17:3-4. What do these verses tell you about the way God approaches forgiveness?

Both imply that repentance is a part of forgiveness.
10. How will this study of forgiveness shape your ability to obey the injunction that we forgive as we have been forgiven?