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Jesus teaching on reconciled relationships

Seek reconciliation with those you've wronged
Take marriage vows very seriously
Keep your promises
Love one another, including your enemies
Forgive those who wrong you
Do not judge
Be discerning about who you trust
Do to others as you would have them do to you
Address offenses relationally
Live in solidarity with like-minded people

The "One Another's"

Romans 15:7 Accept one another,
John 16: 34-35 Love one another
Hebrews 10:25 Encourage one another.
Ephesians 4:32 Forgive one another.
Romans 12:10 Honor one another.
Romans 15:14 Instruct one another.
Galatians 5:13 Serve one another.

Biblical Model of Forgiveness

I did this: Acknowledgement
It was wrong: Understanding
I'm sorry: Remorse/Empathy
Please forgive me: Request
I commit to never doing this again: Repentance
I will do the work I need to do to repair the damage I have caused:
Restoration

Four secrets to forgiveness:

You actually can't do this without Jesus

If we want to be good at forgiveness, we may want to begin with something less daunting than forgiving the Gestapo!

The character of being a forgiving person begins with the practice of confession.

The practice of forgiveness leads to deeper experiences with forgiveness, sometimes with the same person and issue.