

“I’M SORRY, I WAS WRONG. WILL YOU FORGIVE ME?”

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“I’m sorry. I was wrong. Will you forgive me?” When is the last time you heard somebody say those words? How long has it been since YOU said those words? Chances are, it’s been too long. Why do people have such a hard time admitting that they have done something wrong? PRIDE! We don’t like to swallow our pride and admit that we have made mistakes but if we intend on being saved, that is something we must be willing to do, time and time again.

Someone once said, “When you realize you’ve made a mistake, make amends immediately. It’s easier to eat crow while it’s still warm.”

The longer you go without asking for forgiveness for something you have done wrong, the harder it will be to do it.

It’s one thing when someone needs to ask us for forgiveness, but it’s a different story when we are the ones who need to be forgiven. What hurts families, marriages, churches, leaders and friends the most is the absence of courage to say, “I’m sorry. I was wrong. Will you forgive me?”

Has God already brought somebody or something to mind? If He has, you need to be big enough to ask for forgiveness. Have you done somebody wrong? Have you said things about someone that you shouldn’t have said? Are you holding things against people that God Himself has already forgiven them for?

It’s easy to justify yourself and come up with all kinds of different reasons why you shouldn’t go to those you have wronged and make your wrongs right, but the Bible makes it plain, if you want to be saved, you have to swallow your pride and do it.

Some people think that if you ask somebody for forgiveness then that make you look weak. Just the opposite is true. It take a real man or woman, a courageous individual, to be willing to ask for forgiveness. It reveals remarkable maturity, strength and bravery. When we ask others to forgive us, we are choosing to become vulnerable to the point that we relinquish power to them. We are at their mercy and that takes tremendous courage. “But what if they don’t forgive me?” Then that is their problem and no longer yours. We are not responsible for what other people do or don’t do, but we will have to give an account for the things that God expects out of us.

Be obedient to the Word of God. If you’ve done somebody wrong, go to them and ask for forgiveness. Make your wrongs right. In the process, you just might save some souls. Your own included.