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1. When you've wronged someone; ask for forgiveness.

Genesis 42:21 - Then they said to one another, "We're truly *guilty concerning our brother*, for we saw the anguish of his soul when he pleaded with us, but we wouldn't listen; that's why this distress has come upon us."

Luke 12:2 - "There's nothing concealed that won't be disclosed, or hidden that won't be made known."

Numbers 32:23 - Be sure your sin will find you out.

Gen. 44:16 - "What can we say to my lord? *God* has uncovered your servant's *guilt*."

"To face and acknowledge the truth about what you've done... without mitigation and without excuse."

Matthew 5:23-24 - "If you're offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; *then* come and offer your gift."

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2. When someone has wronged you; forgive them.

Hebrews 12:14-15 - Strive for peace with everyone... Be careful that... no root of bitterness springs up to cause trouble and defile.

Lewis Smedes: *"It takes one person to forgive, it takes two people to be reunited."*

#1. Joseph put his brothers in God's hands.

Romans 12:19 - Beloved, never avenge yourselves. Leave that to the righteous anger of God. For it is written, "Vengeance is Mine, *I will repay*, says the Lord."

#2. Joseph put himself in God's hands.

Genesis 45:8 - "God has *made me*..."

Genesis 45:9 - "God has *made me*..."

1 Peter 2:24 - He *our sins* in *His body* on the tree.

Ephesians 4:32 - Forgive one another *just as* God in Christ forgave you.

Matthew 18 - "The kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. One of his debtors was brought in who owed him millions of dollars. He couldn't pay, so the king ordered that he be sold--along

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with his wife, his children, and everything he owned--to pay the debt. But the man fell down before the king and begged him, 'Please, be patient with me, and I'll pay it all.' The king was filled with pity for him, and he released him and *forgave his debt*. But when the man left the king, he went to a fellow servant who owed him a few thousand dollars. He grabbed him by the throat and demanded instant payment. His fellow servant begged for a little more time... But he wouldn't wait. He had the man arrested and put in prison until the debt could be paid in full. When some of the other servants saw this, they went to the king and told him everything that happened. The king called in the man he'd forgiven and said, 'You evil servant! *I forgave you that tremendous debt...* Shouldn't you have mercy on your fellow servant, *just as I* had mercy on you?'"

1 Corinthians 11:28 - Each one of you should *examine yourself* before you eat of the bread and drink of the cup.
