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**BiG iDEa:** God invites me into a life of faith and freedom from bondage to unforgiveness.

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*Digging Deeper* this week...

Set aside some time throughout this week to read and reflect on what God's word says on the subject from the Bible passages below. Some questions are provided for you or a small group of friends to provide focus for your reflection. Before your start: Breathe, pray, ask the Holy Spirit for help.

### **Identify**

On a scale of 1-10, how willing are you to forgive someone who has hurt you?

### **Read**

*Scriptures to grow by...* Matthew 5:10-14, 6:12-15, 18:15; Hebrews 11:6, 12:1-3; John 8:36; Romans 5:12, 6:22-23; 8:2; Ephesians 2:1-10; 1 John 2:9-11, 5:3-4; Colossians 1:13-14; Psalm 86:5; Proverbs 3:5-6; Isaiah 61:1.

### **Reflect**

1. What words, phrases or ideas stand out to you from the Bible readings you read today? How do these passages help you think about your willingness to trust God and forgive?
2. How do these words, phrases or ideas connect with your everyday life? What do they lead you to think or to do?
3. On Sunday, Doug said that "no matter what kind of cards you have, when we have faith and "play" to forgive, God can win with any hand!" How does this statement help you think about taking the risk to forgive someone who has hurt you?

### **Respond**

*Moving forward...*

Think of a relationship, past or present, that you might be fearful of entrusting to God. Describe the risk you feel about forgiving him/her?

Pray. What do you hear God asking you to consider about trusting Him with this relationship? Would you be willing to invite Jesus into your pain to help you forgive and restore trust?