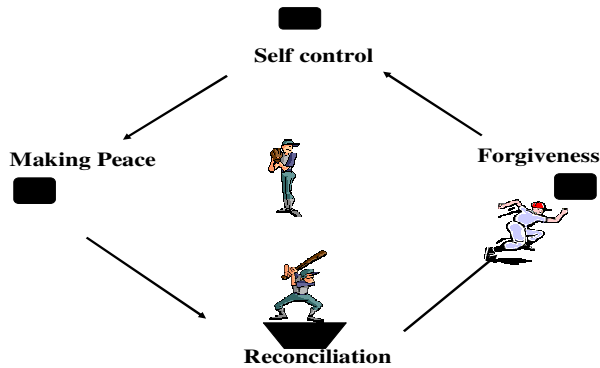


Three Steps to Peace

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First Base...Forgiveness

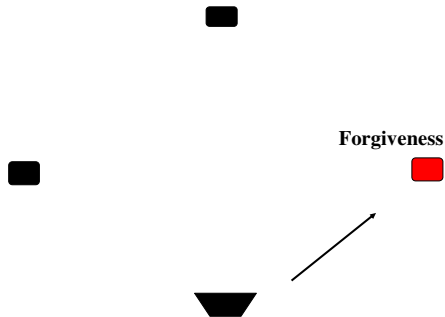
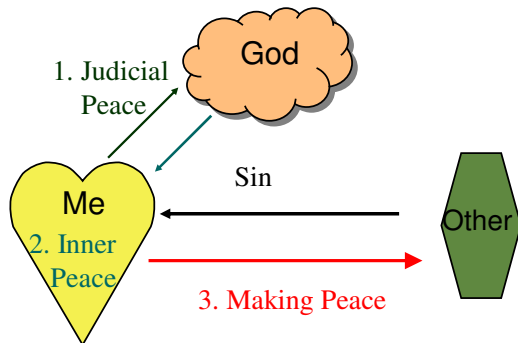


Diagram of the three kinds of peace



1. Forgiveness is a legally binding transaction where one surrenders the right to collect on a debt.

“Forgive us our debts, as we have forgiven our debtors.”
Matt. 6:12

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Aphiemi = “to send away from”
Opheilema = “debts”
 Forgiveness is giving up the legal right to collect on an account of sin.

We all get even, some actively, some passively.

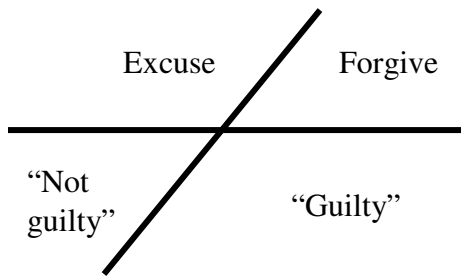
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2. Forgiveness is **BUSINESS**, not **emotions**.

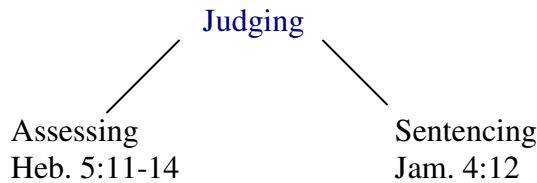


3. Forgiveness is for **guilty people**.

Track 3 9:31



Who are we to judge?



4. Forgiveness is toward GOD first.

Track 4 4:24

“And whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone; so that your Father also who is in heaven may forgive you your transgressions.” Mk. 11:25

“Do not take your own revenge beloved, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, ‘vengeance is mine, I will repay,’ says the Lord.” Rom. 12:19

5. Forgiveness is an act of obedience to God.

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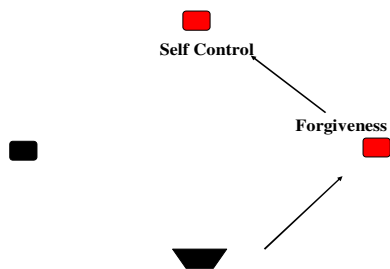
I am to forgive because I have been forgiven.

“And his lord, moved with anger, handed him over to the torturers until he should repay all that was owed him. So shall my heavenly Father do also to you, if each of you does not forgive his brother from his heart.” Matt. 18: 34-35

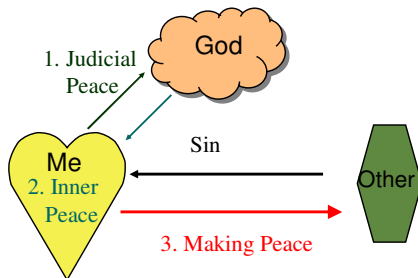
Second Base....Self Control

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A look at the diagram of three kinds of peace again



Three beliefs regarding self control

Track 7

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1. No Control. Others are responsible for my emotions.

“Do not let the sun go down on your anger.”

Eph. 4:26

This does **not** mean, “Do not let the sun go down on your **argument**.”

2. Natural control. I control myself.



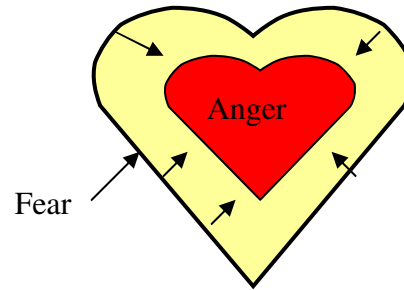
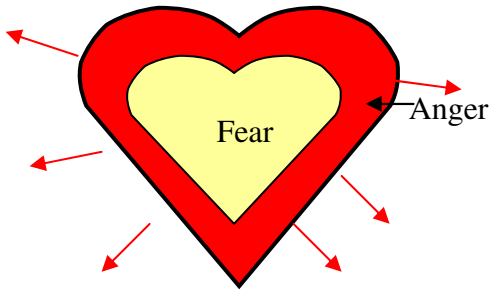
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Means of Suppression

Track 8

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- A. Mind control.
- B. Hiding one emotion under another



- C. Anaesthetizing

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- 3. Spiritual control. God controlling me.

Three Principles of Spiritual Control

Track 10

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- 1. The principle of dedication.
Spiritual self-control requires an ongoing submission of my emotions to God.

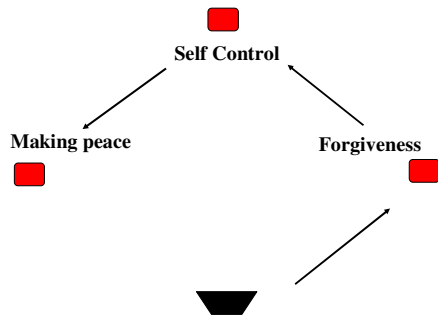
*“Offer yourselves to God and offer the parts of your body to Him as instruments of righteousness...For sin shall not be master.”
Rom. 6:13-14*

- 2. The principle of empowerment.
“Let all angerbe put away from you”. Eph. 4:31 (NASB)

‘Let’ ...my responsibility

‘Be put away’ ...God’s responsibility

- 3. The principle of persistence.
Every time I feel the anger I need to pray.
A typical prayer is: “Lord, take my anger
and, give me peace.” I Thess. 5: 17

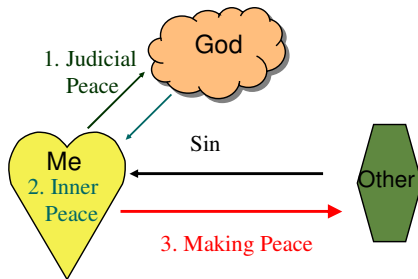


Third Base....Making Peace

Track 11

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A look at the diagram of three kinds of peace again



1. Transacting forgiveness with another person is a command of God.

“If therefore you are presenting your offering at the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your offering there before the altar, and go your way; first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and present your offering.” Matt. 5: 23-24

“ If your brother sins, go and reprove him in private; if he listens to you, you have won your brother.” Matt. 18: 15

Forgiveness is a gracious gift.

Eph.4:32

Charizomai = “to grace towards” or, “to offer a gift of grace.”

3. Forgiveness requires a mutual agreement

Track 12

6:06

“Be on your guard! If your brother sins, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him.” Luke 17: 3

It is not biblical to unilaterally give forgiveness!

Why a mutual agreement?
 It allows people to be accountable moral agents.
 It safeguards the sanctity of forgiveness.

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Track 13 4:50

4. Forgiveness is to be transacted in private.

Track 14 6:51

5. When asked to forgive, I must forgive.

6. If the other person refuses to transact, I must continue to show the grace of love.

“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor, and hate your enemy, but I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.’” Matt. 5:43-44

7. If there is no agreement, I must still recognize the spiritual benefit.

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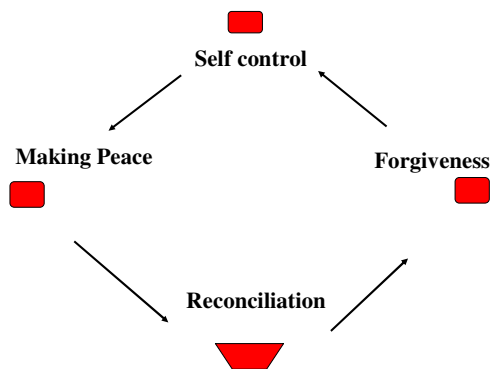
Three spiritual benefits

- A. God is honored by our obedience.
 - B. A spiritual seed has been planted that may bless the other person.
- Jam. 3:18

- C. There is personal blessing for me.

Matt. 5:9

Home Run...Reconciliation



Track 16 8:21

Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brothers to dwell together in unity!
Psalms 133: 1

Q&A

Track 17 27:27