The Gift of _____

2 Peter 1:9 But whoever does not have them is nearsighted and blind, forgetting that they have been cleansed from their past sins.

_____ is the greatest _____ you can give yourself.

Matthew 6:14-15 14 If you forgive those who sin against you, your heavenly Father will forgive you. 15 But if you refuse to forgive others, your Father will not forgive your sins.

_____ is only made _____ by my _____.

Salvage vs. Restoration

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INSIGHT: “_____ the Victim”

Truths about _____

- Insight allows the victim to see that what is being done to them is wrong.
- Insight empowers the victim to do something different, so they are **safe.**
- Through Insight the victim realizes they have the **Power** to stop the violation.
- **No forgiveness can take place unless we stop the violation.**

_____: “Alleviates the Pain”

- Understanding is when I make a _____ _____ to the person who did me wrong.

Truths about _____

- Understanding is when I make a compassionate response to the person who did me wrong.
- Hurt people hurt people.
- You understand their story and try to put yourself in their shoes.
- Having understanding replaces hate/anger with compassion.

- Compassion can't coexist with hate/anger.

GIVING _____ FOR _____:
"Stabilizes Justice"
--Justice would simply be doing what's right

- Based on the idea that people don't have to remain jerks their whole lives.
    - (people can change)

Truths about _____

- You stabilize by taking steps to see if trust can be restored.
- Through compensation you try to work toward a future relationship.
- You are working toward making it right.
- In terms of relationships, God meant for there to be justice…for things to be right.

_____ FORGIVENESS: "_____ is Restored"

- Both the victim and the victimizer go face to face and decide to live _____.
- Overt forgiveness allows the victim to _____ the past.

Truths about _____ Forgiveness
Three things are needed for Overt Forgiveness:
1. Agreement
2. Acknowledgement
3. Apology

Forgiveness is the greatest _____ you can give _____.

Who do you need forgive?

Which of the 4 stations of forgiveness do you need to choose?

Do you need to forgive yourself?

The Work of Forgiveness

Salvage

Restoration

- Insight
- Understanding
- Giving Opportunity for Compensation
- Overt Forgiveness

These are four stand-alone stations of forgiveness.

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