

**Four Laws of Forgiveness**  
**The Law of Risk and Reward**

To live is to face risk

To forgive is risky

Once you determine that no one gets through life unhurt --  
no one gets through life risk free -- then you begin to choose  
which risks carry the chance for the greatest reward!

A healed relationship is worth the risk!

**THE LAW OF RISK AND REWARD**

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God took a risk when He forgave me

*God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.*  
**Romans 5:8**

*We love because He first loved us!* **1 John 4:19**

God took a risk when He forgave me so I am more  
like Him each time I take a risk and forgive others

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*Father, forgive them...* **Luke 23:34**

When He forgives, God isn't expecting we will  
never again do wrong. He is expecting that  
we WANT to never do wrong

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*Before your father died, he instructed us to say to you, 'Please forgive your brothers for the great wrong they did to you -- for their sin of treating you so cruelly.' So we, the servants of the*

*God of your father beg you to forgive our sin.’ When Joseph received the message he broke down and wept. Then the brothers came and threw themselves down before Joseph. ‘Look, we are your slaves!’ they said.*

*But Joseph replied, ‘Don’t be afraid of me. Am I God, that I can punish you? You intended to harm me, but God intended it all for good. He brought me to this position so I could save the lives of many people. No, don’t be afraid. I will continue to take care of you and your children.’ So he reassured them by speaking kindly to them. **Genesis 50:16-21***

*If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. **Matthew 18:15***