

CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW?

Various Passages

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- ❶ Refusing to let go of a cherished sin
(Psalm 66:18-19)
- ❷ Harboring bitterness and refusing to forgive
(Mark 11:24-25, 1 Peter 3:8-12)
- ❸ Neglecting to show compassion for the poor
(Proverbs 21:13)
- ❹ Resisting to live by kingdom priorities
(James 4:3-5)
- ❺ Failing to honor your spouse
(1 Peter 3:7)
- ❻ Doubting that God will respond favorably
(James 1:6-7)
- ❼ Drawing close to a spiritual breakthrough
(Daniel 9:20-23, 10:11-14)

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Do you ever include this question in your prayers to God? Why or why not?

What might be some of the challenges in allowing someone else to answer the same question about you? Can you think of any benefits?

3. Forgiving others can be no small challenge especially in the case of incredible injustice or deep relational hurt. Yet forgiving others is what frees us from the baggage that we pick up when we harbor bitterness and find ourselves refusing to forgive. How might the verses below help us move forward to grow in our ability and/or motivation to forgive?

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What do you find challenging in forgiving others?

4. We saw in this week's teaching five things that can block our prayers to God. According to the following verses, what additional issues can also block our prayers to God?

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