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CHRISTMAS: THE GIFT OF FORGIVENESS
Christmas is a season filled with gifts—gifts wrapped in paper, tied with bows, placed under trees. But there is one gift God offers that outshines every package we could ever receive: the life-changing gift of forgiveness. This series invites us into a journey with three movements: Receiving the gift of forgiveness, Giving the gift of forgiveness, and Living a life shaped by forgiveness. When we embrace all three, forgiveness becomes a transforming power that heals relationships, restores hope, and renews hearts. And when we open this gift fully, it may just make this Christmas the BEST ONE EVER.

RECEIVING THE GIFT OF FORGIVENESS
What is the gift you would most like to receive—the one that would change everything? The gift our soul longs for is the forgiveness of Jesus—a gift that heals, restores, and sets us free. Before we can give forgiveness, we must first receive it personally and deeply. When we unwrap God's grace, everything begins to change. This could be the BEST CHRISTMAS EVER as we receive the gift that changes everything.

WHAT IS REQUIRED TO RECEIVE FORGIVENESS?
1. _____— "Grace always meets reality."
2. _____ — "We cannot heal what we continue to excuse."
3. _____— Forgiveness must reach the heart, not just the mind.
4. _____ — Letting go of self-punishment.
5. _____ — Forgiveness is relational.

HINDRANCES THAT BLOCK FORGIVENESS
1. _____ **identity**
2. _____**of vulnerability**
3. _____ with authority figures
4. _____ and _____
5. _____ and internal punishment

CONCLUSION
Forgiveness is a gift to be opened, received, and cherished. Jesus offers forgiveness not to shame us, but to free us… not to expose us, but to heal us… not to condemn us, but to restore us. When we receive the gift of forgiveness, we become men



who live free, whole, and hopeful. This Christmas, open the gift that changes everything. Receive His forgiveness… walk in His grace… and experience the BEST CHRISTMAS EVER.