

RESTORED

FORGIVE AND EVOLVE

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Page 1 – Introduction

Forgiveness is the door to Peace, but it is often the hardest door to open. Carrying unforgiveness feels heavy—it chains us to past wounds and keeps us from moving forward. But when we forgive, we evolve. We grow stronger, softer, and freer. Forgiveness does not excuse the pain; it releases us from being defined by it. This book is my testimony of how forgiveness allowed me to evolve into restoration and peace.

Affirmation: I am not my wounds. I am restored, I am chosen, and worthy of peace.

Page 2 – The Weight of Unforgiveness

Unforgiveness is a silent burden. It whispers bitterness into our hearts and locks us into cycles of pain. As children, when we were hurt and no apology came, we carried it. As adults, we carry those same unspoken wounds. But God never meant for us to live with that weight. Forgiveness is not forgetting—it is choosing to release what no longer serves our healing.

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Page 3 – Choosing to Release

Forgiveness is a choice, not a feeling. I may not always feel ready, but I can choose to release. Each choice to forgive loosens the grip of anger, shame, or betrayal. I cannot change what was done, but I can change how I live moving forward. Choosing to forgive is choosing to live free.

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Page 4 – The Inner Child and Forgiveness

My inner child remembers every wound—every time I was overlooked, rejected, or unloved. Forgiveness is how I reach back and comfort that child within. I remind them: “You are worthy. You are loved. You are not defined by what was done to you.” When I forgive, I offer my inner child the healing they always deserved.

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Page 5 – Evolving Through Grace

Grace is the soil where forgiveness grows. When I accept God’s grace for my own shortcomings, I learn to extend grace to others. Forgiveness allows me to evolve into someone new—someone who is not hardened by pain but transformed by compassion. Evolution comes when I stop rehearsing old wounds and start planting seeds of grace.

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Page 6 – Forgiveness in the Waiting

Sometimes forgiveness does not happen overnight. It unfolds in layers, teaching me patience in the process. In the waiting, I confront my emotions, lean on God’s word, and allow my heart to soften. Waiting with accountability and faith turns forgiveness into growth. It teaches me that healing takes time, but every step is worth it.

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Page 7 – Healing Out Loud Through Forgiveness

Healing out loud means sharing my story of forgiveness. When I speak about how I forgave, I break the chains of shame—not only for myself but for others who are still struggling. Forgiveness is not weakness; it is strength that sets us free. My testimony of forgiveness becomes light for someone else’s journey.

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Page 8 – Forgiveness Restores Peace

In the end, forgiveness is peace. It restores the joy that was stolen and the calm that was buried under pain. Through forgiveness, I no longer live bound to the past—I live open to the future. Evolving means I am not the same person I was when I was wounded. Forgiveness has made me whole, and restoration has given me peace.

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Page – 9 The Courage to Evolve

Evolving after forgiveness takes courage. It means stepping into new patterns, new choices, and new levels of peace. Forgiveness clears the path, but courage walks it. I honor my growth by continuing to evolve into the person God has called me to be. Forgiveness is not the end, it is the beginning of becoming whole.

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