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Hello Prayer Warriors,

I received this note two days before Thanksgiving and have her permission to share it with you. She is a young Navy wife who just moved to a new location. The rest I'll let her share 😊

.....with long travels, moving, and young kids it's been a long couple weeks! Today as I began to feel irritated about having to travel yet again to Oceanside, CA for thanksgiving I immediately began my forgiveness prayer and I starting thinking about how naturally I begin to recognize the need to forgive and so I wrote this.

I wanted to share with you because you truly have had such an impact in my life. I have no doubt that God used this as 'my season of breaking' because I was in proximity to you and your gifts.

"Looking back over the work I've done in counseling for the last year, I almost feel as though forgiveness is how we grow. The more we forgive and we allow God to heal wounds, the closer we are to Him. He is near and as we are healed, we grow to be more like our Father. Forgiveness of others requires us also to examine our expectations.

If comparison is the thief of joy, expectations are the foundation of disappointment.

When we align our needs with God's will, and we look to Him for our identity we can begin to let go of what we expect or need from others and trust that God supplies all of that. We can forgive others when they hurt or disappoint or wrong us because God forgives us! He also strengthens us and commands us to forgive others.

We don't just have the gift of forgiveness of our sins, we have the gift of grace to forgive others.

And that's how we continue to grow and walk with our savior as He transforms us from glory to glory. Forgiveness has been the work that's transformed my heart, my expectations, and my identity."

Thank you!

This young woman gives me some credit for her new walk but the gifts I have are from God. Those gifts would not be available to someone in her situation if it were not for all the help you provide by your prayers and gifts. This testimony she shares is about you too! You keep us available to share the good news that God's Kingdom is active and powerful!

Thank You and may you have a blessed Christmas!!

Richard