





WHO:	FORGIVENESS:	RECONCILIATION:	TEXTS:	SPECIFICS:
Joseph & → The ten brothers			<p>Gen. 37:1-2 / age 17</p> <p>Gen. 41:16,25,28 age&lt;30</p> <p>Gen. 41:46-47 / age 30</p> <p>Gen. 41:50-52 age &lt;37</p> <p>Gen. 41:53-54 /age 37</p> <p>Gen. 45:1-9 /age 39</p> <p>Gen. 50:15</p>	<p>Look for the specific ages:</p> <p>What was required?  time</p> <p>How many people were required for forgiveness?  Joseph &amp; God</p> <p>How many people were required for reconciliation? Joseph, 10 brothers &amp; God</p>
David & → Saul			<p>1 Sam. 24:3-7 <u>1 Samuel 24:22</u>...And Saul went home; <u>but</u> David and his men gat them up unto the hold. 1 Sam. 26:2-12</p> <p><u>1 Samuel 26:25</u>...So David went on his way, <u>and</u> Saul returned to his place.</p> <p><u>1 Samuel 27:1</u> And David said in his heart, I shall now perish one day by the hand of Saul: there is nothing better for me than that I should speedily escape....</p>	<p>How do we <b>know</b> David forgave Saul? David gave up his rights to judge and punish him</p> <p>Why <b>didn't</b> David reconcile? Saul hadn't changed</p>

## **Introductory thoughts: I can never forgive! I just can't do it!**

- **Forgiveness  $\neq$  reconciliation!**
- **Forgiveness normally precedes reconciliation!**
- **Forgiveness requires two individuals: me + God**
- **Reconciliation requires three individuals: me + (them) + God**
- **Forgiveness is a command and is **always** required**
- **Reconciliation is a process and **requires** changed on the part of the wrongdoer.**