

I will, will you?

When Sorry Isn't Enough

Genuinely _____ - "I will _____" or "I will make every _____ to _____."

Acts 2:36 So let everyone in Israel know for certain that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, to be both Lord and Messiah! 37 Peter's words pierced their hearts, and they said to him and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?"

38 Peter replied, "Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."

REPENTANCE IS NECESSARY _____ WE NEED TO CHANGE DIRECTION.

Jonah 3:10 When God saw what they had done and how they had put a stop to their evil ways, he changed his mind and did not carry out the destruction he had threatened.

Jonah 4:1-2 This change of plans greatly upset Jonah, and he became very angry. 2 So he complained to the Lord about it: "Didn't I say before I left home that you would do this, Lord? That is why I ran away to Tarshish! I knew that you are a merciful and compassionate God, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love. You are eager to turn back from destroying people."

The _____ of Repentance

It begins in the _____

It is _____

It is _____

It is _____

It _____ despite _____

Acknowledge subsequent failure _____

Statements of Genuine Repentance

- ♥ I know that my behavior was very painful to you. I don't ever want to do that again. I want to change.
- ♥ How could I say that in a different way that would not come across as critical?
- ♥ I know that what I'm doing is not helpful. What would you like to see me change that would help you?
- ♥ I really do want to change. I know I'm not going to be perfect, but I really want to try to change this behavior. Would you be willing to remind me if I revert to my old patterns? Say "relapse". That will help me stop and fix my direction.

- ♥ I let you down by making the same mistake again. What would it take for you to begin to rebuild your trust in me?
- ♥ This is such a long-term pattern for me. While I want to change, I know it will be hard, and I may fail, hurting you again along the way. I would really appreciate it if you would help me think about a way to help my changes stick and encourage me when you see me doing things that help. Can I count on you to be my teammate on this?

Requesting _____ - "Will you please _____ me?"

Requesting forgiveness shows that you...

...want to see the relationship fully _____.

..._____ you have done something _____.

...are willing to put the _____ of the relationship in the hands of the offended person.

Forgiveness is a _____.

Requesting forgiveness can be difficult because of our...

...desire for _____

...desire for _____

...desire to be _____

...desire to _____

BE MORE INTERESTED IN THE _____ OF THE RELATIONSHIP THAN IN YOUR OWN _____

Statements Requesting Forgiveness

- ♥ I'm sorry for the way I spoke to you. I know it was loud and harsh. You didn't deserve that. It was very wrong of me, and I want to ask you to forgive me.
- ♥ I know that what I did hurt you very deeply. You have every right never to speak to me again, but I am truly sorry for what I did. And I hope that you can find it in your heart to forgive me.
- ♥ I didn't intend to hurt you but obviously I have. I realize that now, and I see that my actions were wrong even though I was just trying to have fun. It's never right to have fun if someone gets hurt. I promise you I will try to never do that again. And I want to ask you if you will please forgive me.