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God gives believers today the same command to forgive those who sin against us. We pray that truth in the Lord’s Prayer. Who is it that you struggle to forgive? How can this study and this group help you follow God’s command?

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