

I try to forgive people when they hurt me

Sometimes
it's really



In our gospel this week, Jesus tells Peter how many times we should forgive other people when they hurt us. Peter came to Jesus and said Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often

difficult to forgive other people and God knows this which is why He gives us the Holy Spirit to help us.

should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "not just seven times, but, I tell you, 77 times".

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When Jesus says, "77 times", he doesn't mean that after a person has hurt us 77 times we can then hold a grudge and don't have to forgive them anymore. No, in biblical language, '77' means 'billions'. It means a number too big to count. In other words, we should always forgive.



In the silence of our own hearts let us tell God we're sorry for the times we couldn't forgive and then ask the Holy Spirit to be with us to help us in the future.