



## Reflection & Discussion

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- Which view of identity do you see most around you - people as biological, driven by power, or something more? How does that shape how we think about forgiveness?
- Have you ever experienced forgiveness being used as a power play - either withheld or demanded? What did that feel like?
- Why do you think we're so drawn to stories of redemption (in films, sports, or real life)?
- What difference would it make to your daily life if you truly believed you are made in the image of God?

## Going Deeper (optional)

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Chapter 1 explores why humans long for redemption and how different views of identity shape our understanding of forgiveness. Reflect on the idea of Imago Dei (Genesis 1:27) — what it means to be made in the image of God, and why this gives both victim and perpetrator inherent worth.

## Prayer

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*Lord, we confess that we do not always know what we are. We have reduced ourselves to biochemistry, to power, to performance. But you have made us in your image - sacred, beloved, accountable, and redeemable. Give us the courage to believe that. Give us the humility to receive your forgiveness. And give us the grace to begin extending it to others. Amen.*