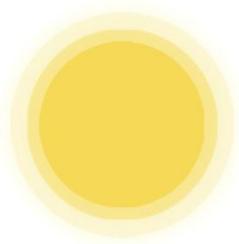


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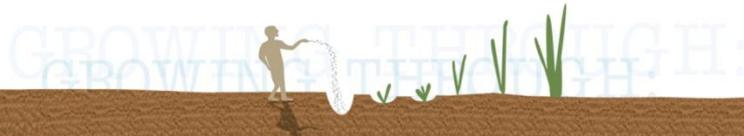


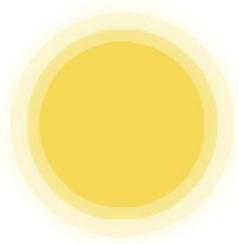


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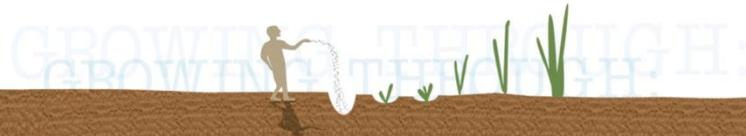


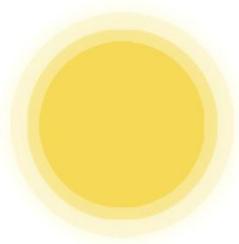


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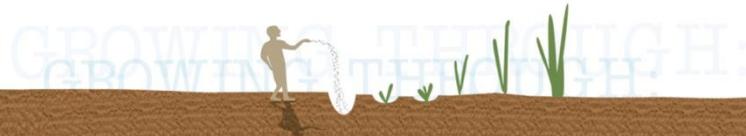


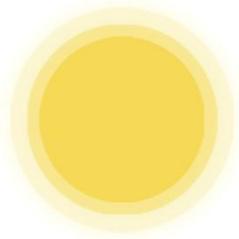


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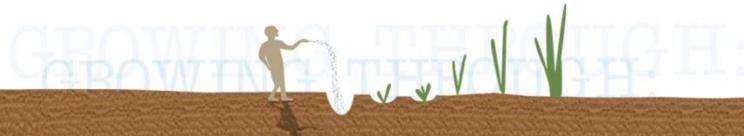


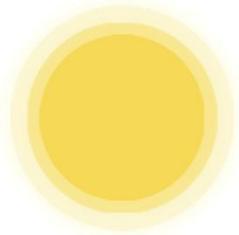


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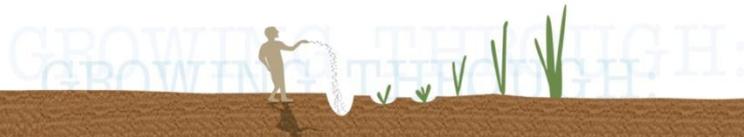


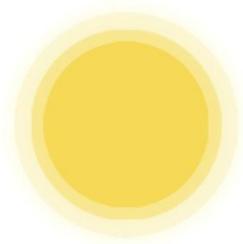


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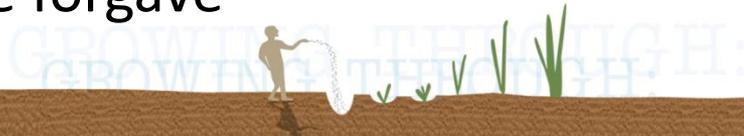


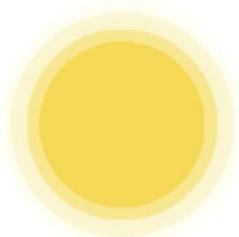
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Some simple truths:

- Injustice exists
- Injustice happens
- How we respond to injustice makes the difference
- Jesus showed us the way
 - He spoke a simple truth
 - He modeled the simple truth
 - He forgave



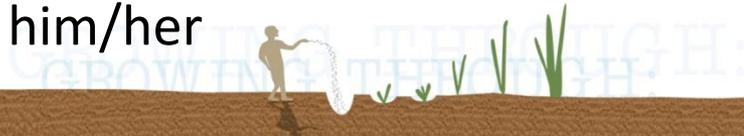


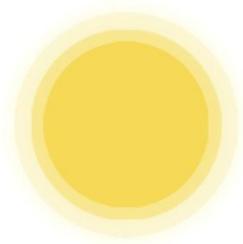
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“7 Steps for Forgiveness” (from Abundant Living Ministries)

1. Confess Your Sin to God
2. Choose to Forgive
3. Ask for the Forgiveness of Those You Wronged
4. Ask God to Bless the Person Who Hurt You
5. Do Something Nice for the Person Who Hurt You*
6. Accept the offending person just the way he/she is, even if you believe he/she is all wrong
7. Look at that person through eyes of faith and believe God to change him/her



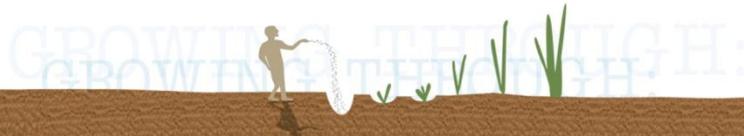


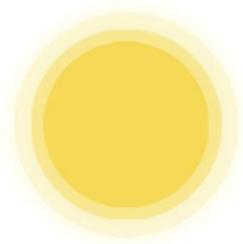
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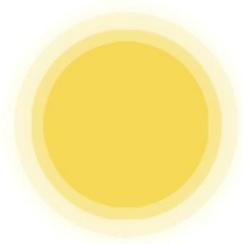


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(See handout for questions that may help guide you.)

