

Being a Peacemaker

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Last week we saw that
peacemaking is
spiritual work that
requires **the work of**
the Spirit in our hearts.

Colossians 3:1-10

The life you once lived.

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Anger.

A strong feeling of displeasure or annoyance and often of active opposition to an insult, injury, or injustice.

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**Rage, malice & slander is all
about feeling the need to get
even in response to an offense.**

An inborn, moral sense
of **justice** drives anger.

"Anger is the executive power of human decency. If you do not get angry and stay angry when bad things happen, you lose a piece of your humanity." Lewis Smedes

We have the right
to get even.

But God calls us to forgive.

Colossians 3:12-13

“Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and **forgive one another** if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.”

Forgiveness

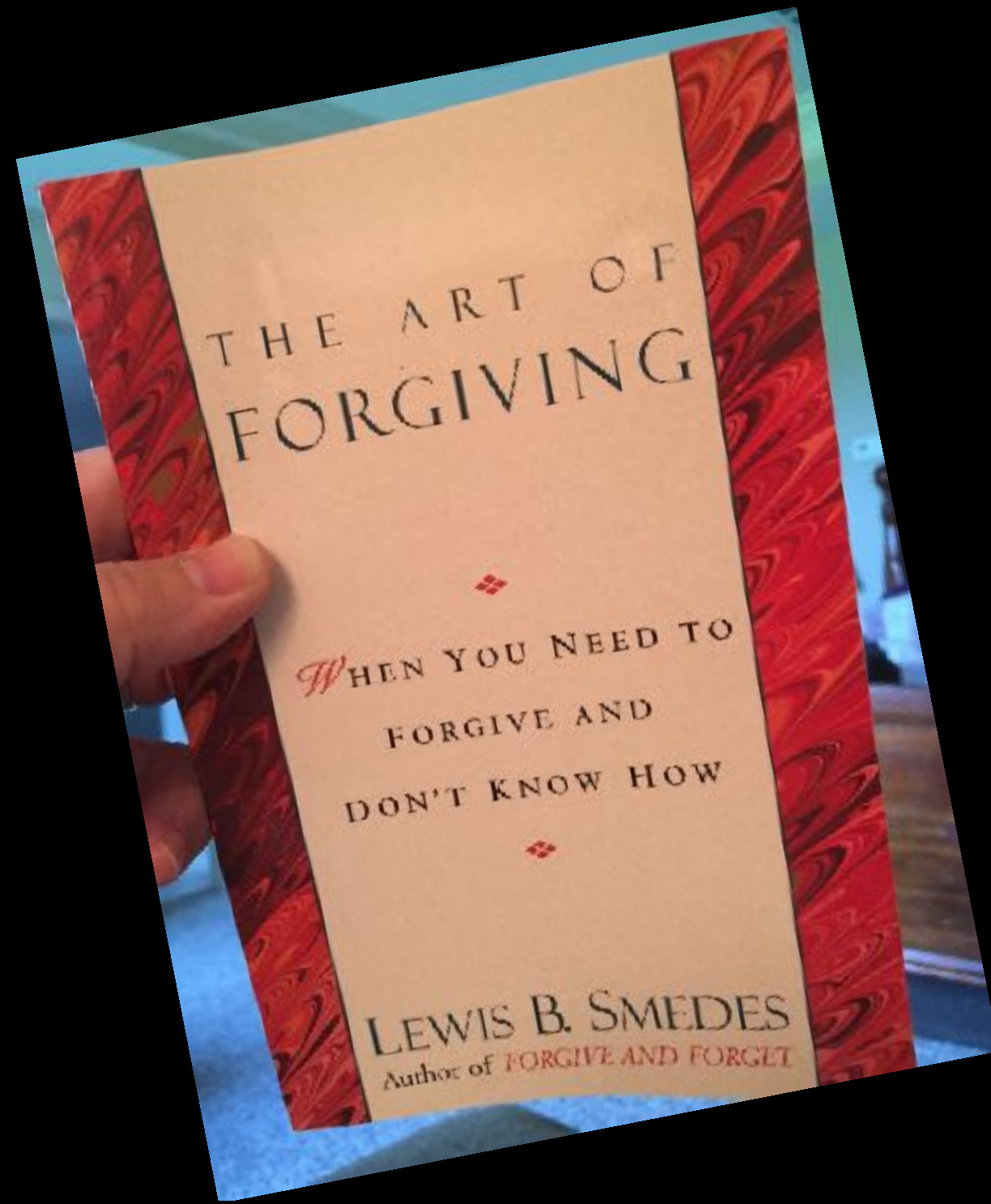
(Merriam-Webster)

:To stop feeling anger toward someone who has done something wrong; to stop blaming someone; to stop requiring payment of what is owed.

**When we've been
hurt deeply...**

**We have the right to get angry.
We have the right to cast blame.**

We have the right to get even.



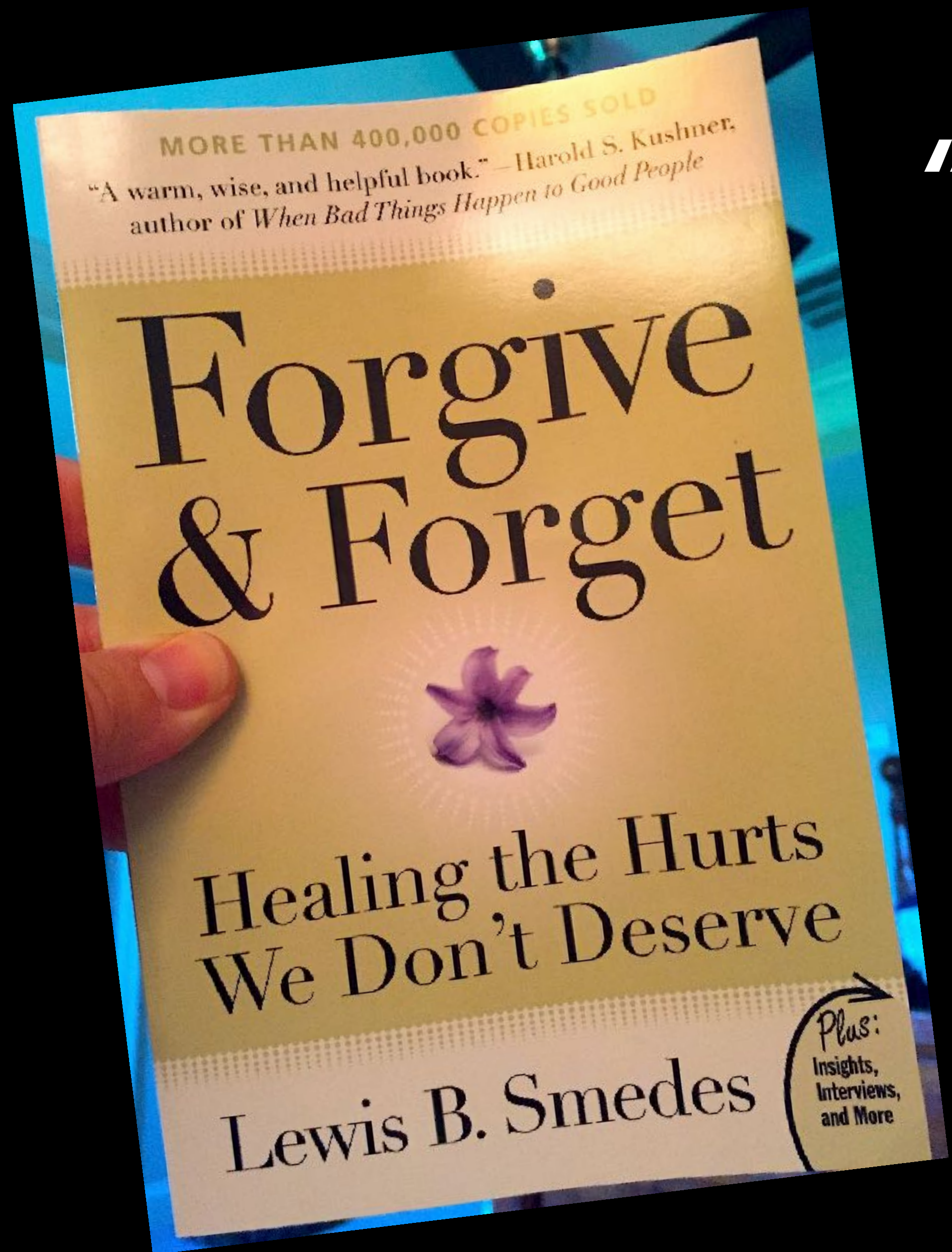
“The Art of Forgiving”
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**Forgiveness is surrendering our
right to get even.**

*"Vengeance is our own pleasure of seeing someone who hurt us getting it back and then some. Justice, on the other hand, is secured when **someone pays a fair penalty for wronging another** even if the injured person takes no pleasure in the transaction. Vengeance is personal satisfaction. Justice is moral accounting."*

"The Art of Forgiving"; Lewis Smedes

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and More

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***“God began by forgiving us.
And He invites us all to
forgive each other.”***



“To forgive is to set a prisoner free and discover that the prisoner was you.”

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