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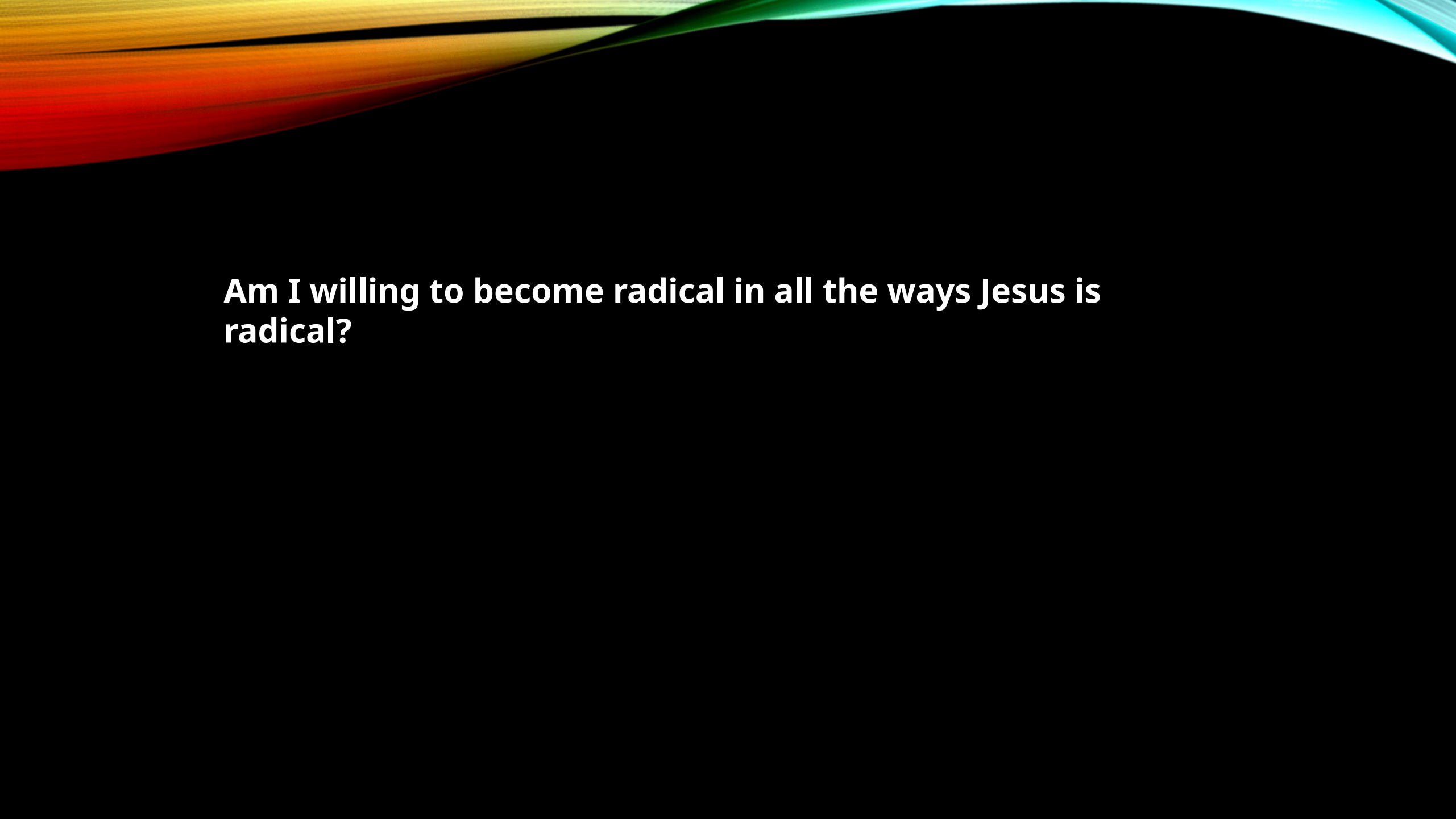


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Am I willing to become radical in all the ways Jesus is radical?

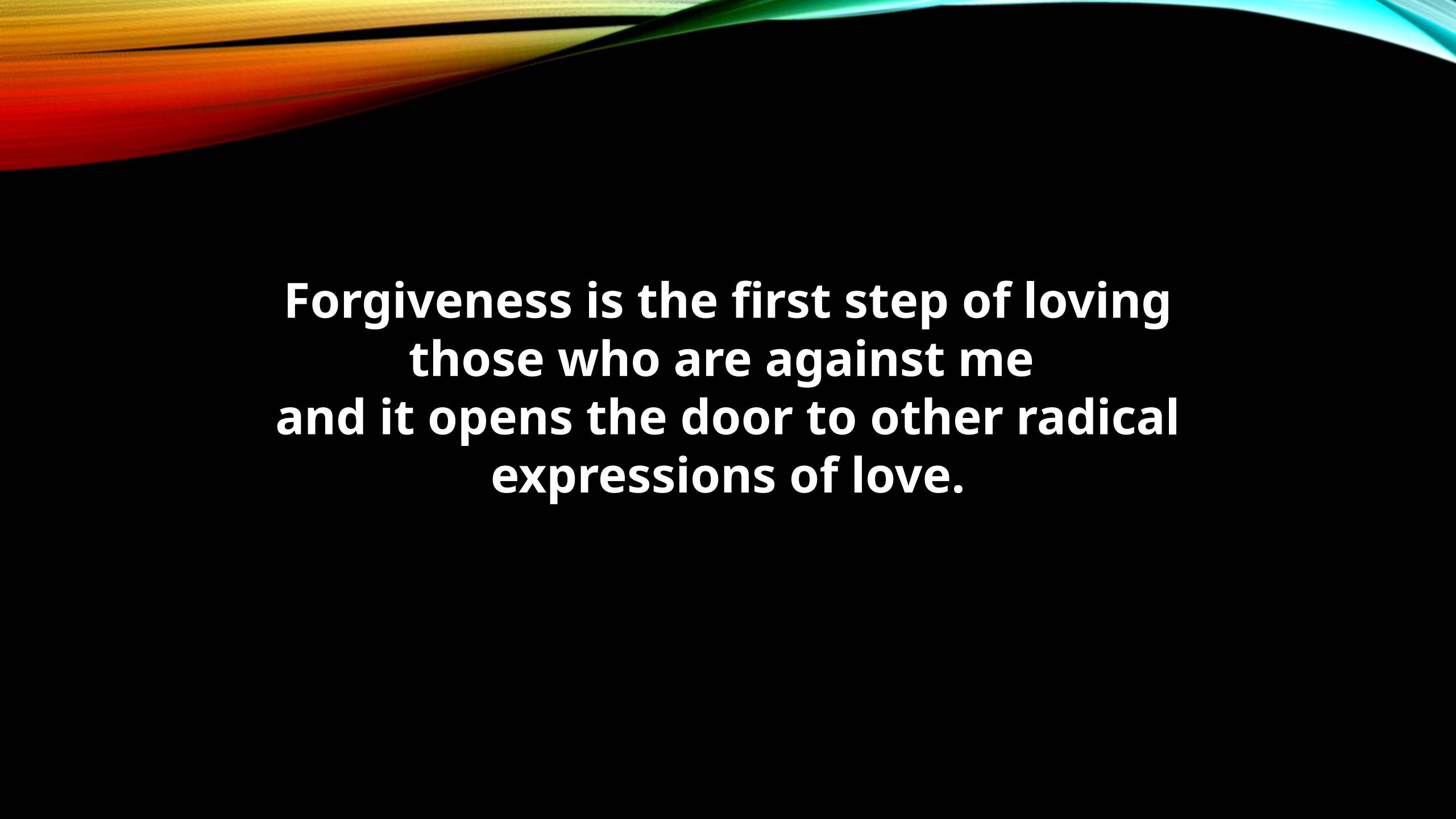


Forgiveness
is a powerful and non-negotiable dynamic
of the kingdom where Jesus reigns.





Father – forgive them!



**Forgiveness is the first step of loving
those who are against me
and it opens the door to other radical
expressions of love.**



Luke 6:27-28 NIVUK

“But to you who are listening, (willing to listen NLT) I say,

- love your enemies!**
- do good to those who hate you**
- bless those who curse you**
- pray for those who ill-treat you”**



***Love destroys retaliation* in the hearts of kingdom people.**



**Two courtrooms –
the human heart
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Luke 6: 35-36 NIVUK

But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.



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Checking out the courtroom of my heart



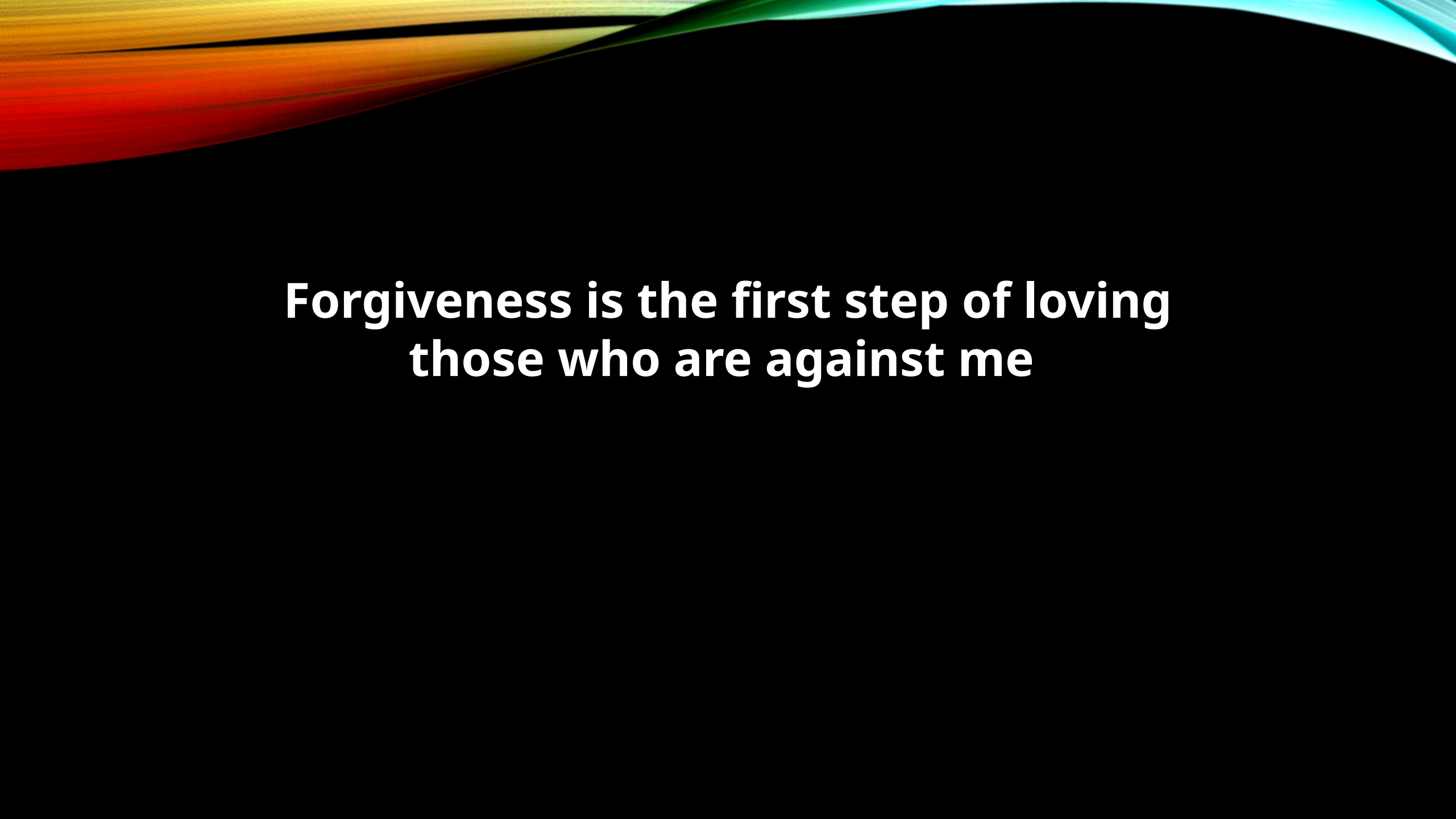
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 **forgiven?**

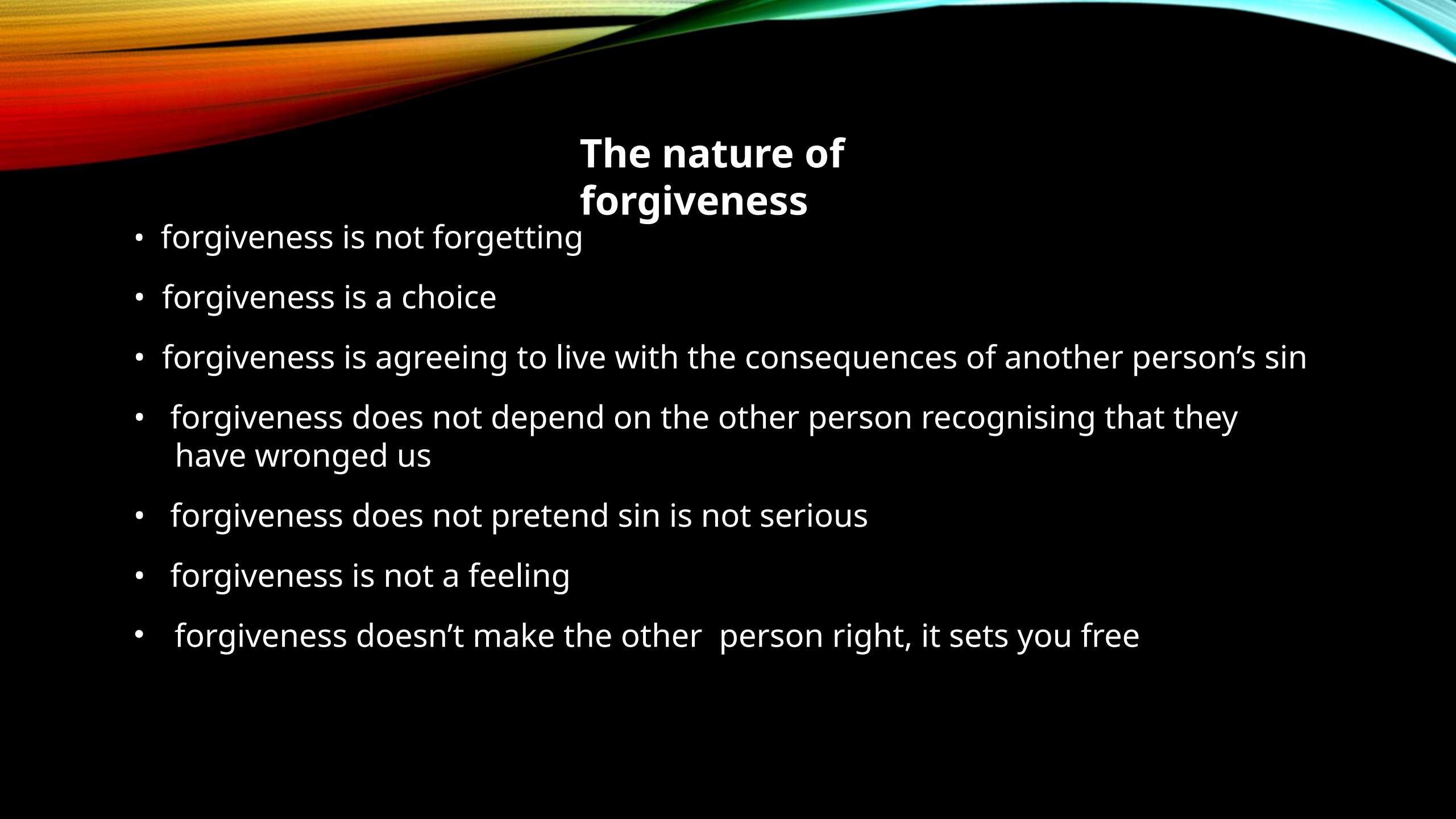
 **love motivation?**

 **personal revenge?**

 **my wounds healed/healing?**

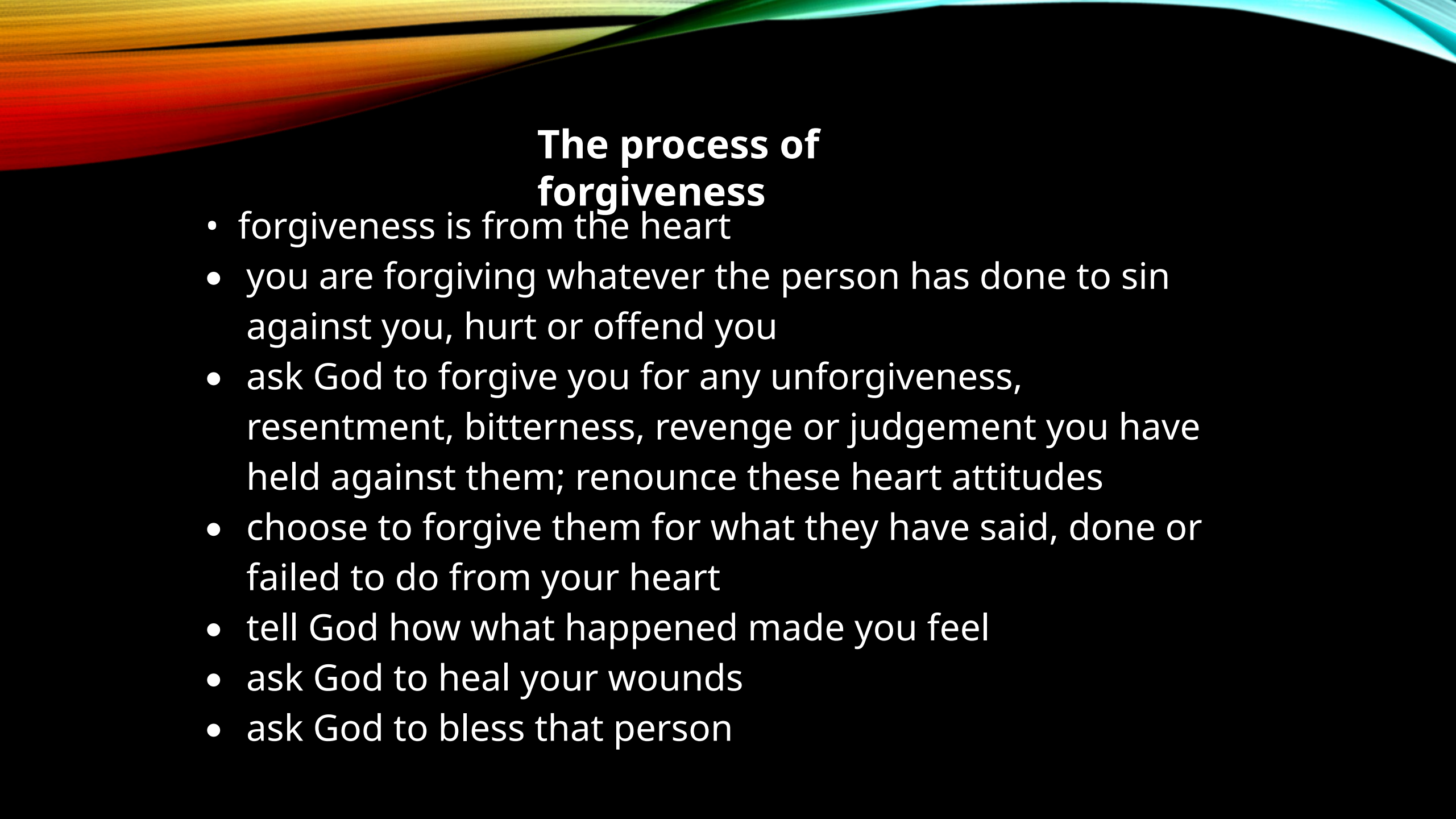


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The nature of forgiveness

- forgiveness is not forgetting
- forgiveness is a choice
- forgiveness is agreeing to live with the consequences of another person's sin
- forgiveness does not depend on the other person recognising that they have wronged us
- forgiveness does not pretend sin is not serious
- forgiveness is not a feeling
- forgiveness doesn't make the other person right, it sets you free



The process of forgiveness

- forgiveness is from the heart
- you are forgiving whatever the person has done to sin against you, hurt or offend you
- ask God to forgive you for any unforgiveness, resentment, bitterness, revenge or judgement you have held against them; renounce these heart attitudes
- choose to forgive them for what they have said, done or failed to do from your heart
- tell God how what happened made you feel
- ask God to heal your wounds
- ask God to bless that person



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