

⁷Dear friends, let us love one another, because love comes from God. Whoever loves is a child of God and knows God. *Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹And God showed his love for us by sending his only Son into the world, so that we might have life through him. 10 This is what love is: it is not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the means by which our sins are forgiven. "Dear friends, if this is how God loved us, then we should love one another. 12 No one has ever seen God, but if we love one another, God lives in union with us, and his love is made perfect in us.

1 John 4:7-12 (GNT)

My children, our love should not be just words and talk; it must be true love, which shows itself in action.

1 John 3:18 (GNT)

"Love has a double relationship to God. It is only by knowing God that we learn to love, and it is only by loving that we learn to know God. Love comes from God, and love leads to God. It is by love that God is known."

William Barclay

We Fellowship With God When We Forgive

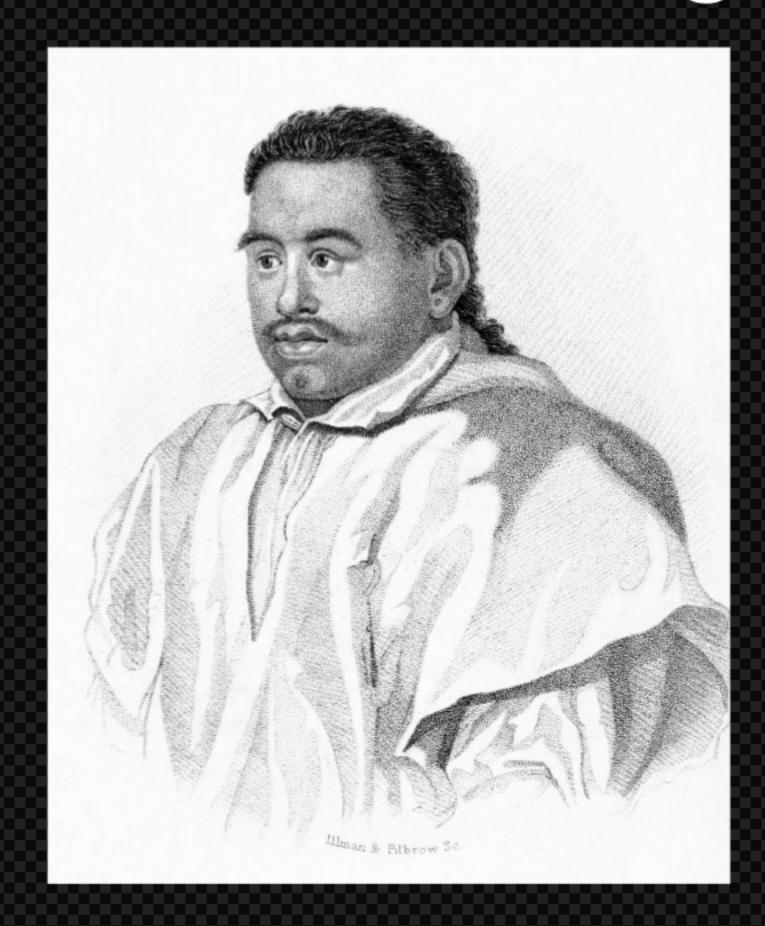
"The most selfish thing you can ever do is to forgive people . . . forgiveness is accepting the apology you may never receive."

Kevin Kelly

If you want people to like you, forgive them when they wrong you. Remembering wrongs can break up a friendship.

Proverbs 17:9 (GNT)

Pomare II, King of Huahine and Tahiti, 1782-1821



In 1811, he became a Christian as the result of missionary efforts from Henry Bicknell, William Henry, and Charles Wilson from the London Missionary Society.

Pomare discovered a plot among his fellow natives to seize him and other converts and burn them to death. He organized a band to attack the plotters, captured them unaware and then set a feast before them. This unexpected kindness surprised the savages, who burned their idols and became Christians.

We Fellowship With God When We Serve

¹⁴For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. ¹⁵And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

2 Corinthians 5:14-15 (NIV)

For it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.

Philippians 2:13 (NIV)

For we are co-workers in God's service; you are God's field, God's building.

1 Corinthians 3:9 (NIV)

Serving is Two-Fold:

- 1. Spirit-Led Moments
- 2. Spirit-Led Stewardship

"The Miracle of San Diego"

Bartolome Murillo, 1650



