

# Essential Forgiveness

## Letting Go of Resentment

### THE SITUATION

1. The situation around which I feel resentment is...

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2. The name of the person/entity involved in this situation is \_\_\_\_\_

3. " \_\_\_\_\_, I resent you for/because \_\_\_\_\_

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### DESCRIBING THE FEELINGS

4. Other words that might describe this resentment are...  Bitter  Livid  
 Hatred  Disgusted  Angry  Annoyed  Vindictive  Vengeful  
 Spiteful  Indignant  Mad  Outraged  Violent  Other \_\_\_\_\_

5. On a scale of 0 to 10, the intensity of this resentment is \_\_\_\_\_

6. The physical sensations that I feel when I feel these feelings are...

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7. I would describe my physical posture when I feel these feelings as...

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8. I would describe my facial expression as \_\_\_\_\_

### THE THOUGHTS ANDS BEHAVIORS

9. I'm telling myself things like \_\_\_\_\_

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10. I'm imagining things like \_\_\_\_\_

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11. The way I'm acting is \_\_\_\_\_

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## BELIEFS, EXPECTATIONS AND PERCEPTIONS

12. "The beliefs and values that I feel you have violated are \_\_\_\_\_"  
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13. "I expected you to \_\_\_\_\_"  
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14. "How I view you is \_\_\_\_\_"  
\_\_\_\_\_
15. "What I think you should do is \_\_\_\_\_"  
\_\_\_\_\_

## TAKING RESPONSIBILITY

16. Could I *welcome* all of my feelings? \_\_\_\_\_
17. Could I *take responsibility* for these feelings? \_\_\_\_\_

## CONNECTING THE PAST WITH THE PRESENT

18. Previous time(s) and place(s) where I felt similar feelings were when...  
The time when \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
The time when \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
19. What I made these situations mean about me was \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
20. The core beliefs that I developed *about myself* and my life were \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## THE IMPACT OF THESE EMOTIONS

21. What this resentment is doing *to me* is \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
22. What this resentment is *costing* me is \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
23. The *payoff* that I get in keeping this resentment is \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
24. The possible difference it could make to me and my life if I could be free of this resentment is \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## UNDOING THE EMOTIONS

25. Is this resentment a *part* of me or the *whole* of me? \_\_\_\_\_
26. How *long* do I believe I need to keep this resentment? \_\_\_\_\_
27. What do I believe needs to happen before I let this resentment go?  
\_\_\_\_\_
28. Is it *possible* for me to let resentment go without this happening? \_\_\_\_\_
29. My biggest fear or resistance to letting this resentment go is \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
30. Does any other time but *now* exist? \_\_\_\_\_
31. Am I *willing* to let this resentment go? \_\_\_\_\_
32. When? \_\_\_\_\_
33. Are these feelings present *in this moment as I write*? \_\_\_\_\_
34. The intensity of these feelings on a scale of 0 to 10 are about a \_\_\_\_\_

## NEW POSSIBILITIES

35. If I had the power to *create* any other feeling in place of this resentment, I would like to feel \_\_\_\_\_
36. *Could* I let that feeling in? \_\_\_\_\_
37. *Would* I let that feeling in? \_\_\_\_\_
38. When? \_\_\_\_\_
39. Am I *present* in *this* moment at all to that new feeling when I think of this person/situation? \_\_\_\_\_
40. If this new feeling made a statement or had a voice in me this new feeling might say...  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
41. The way I could view this person/situation differently is...  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
42. Can I see myself in this other person/entity? \_\_\_\_\_
43. A loving action I might take could be \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
44. *Could* I love and accept myself as I am? \_\_\_\_\_
45. What I could be grateful for is \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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46. A loving note to myself: \_\_\_\_\_  
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