

How Erika Kirk's Powerful Message Moved Tim Allen to Forgiveness

Tim Allen has been very open and public with his faith journey. Now, he is giving Erika Kirk the credit for helping him to do the unthinkable: forgive those who have caused irreparable damage.

For millions around the world, Erika Kirk's public forgiveness of the man who murdered her husband, Charlie Kirk, was a stirring and emotional moment. On X Allen wrote, "When Erika Kirk spoke the words on the man who killed her husband: "That man... that young man... I forgive him." That moment deeply affected me."

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– Tim Allen (@ofctimallen) September 25, 2025

The Bible calls believers to forgive as Christ forgave us, releasing the burden of bitterness and allowing God's peace to

flow in its place (Col. 3:13). Allen's public declaration mirrors the example of Jesus on the cross, who prayed, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do," (Lk 23:34) something that Erika Kirk said in her speech as well.

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Back in February, Allen announced that he had spent almost a year finishing the Old Testament, which he called, "a humbling, overwhelming experience." He then wrote on X in June about his journey through the New Testament and how Romans was profoundly impacting his life.

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Tim Allen's journey of forgiveness stands as a testament to the life-changing power of God's Word and the example of Christlike love in action. His story reminds believers that forgiveness is not just a personal release—it is a spiritual act that brings healing, honors God and reflects His grace to the world. In a culture often defined by anger and division, Allen's words serve as a shining example that following Jesus means extending mercy, even to those who seem undeserving, and allowing God's peace to transform our hearts from the inside out.

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