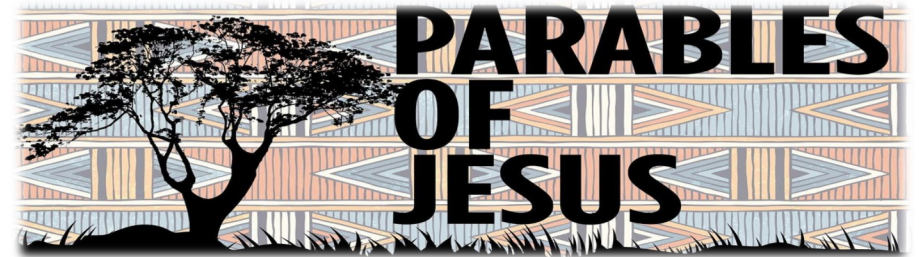


Reflection Questions: Is there someone in my life I need to forgive?
What is keeping me from forgiving them? Whom do I need to ask for-
giveness from? Why am I hesitant to do so?

How can we pray for one another this week?



Parable of the Unforgiving Servant, Part 2
Matthew 18:21-35

Sermon
Notes

June 7, 2020

Quotes to Ponder

Choosing to hold a grudge is tremendously powerful, controlling others and you. Forgiving is even more powerful, liberating others and you.

Erik Raymond

Unforgiving attitudes, if not repented of, will invariably lead to a lack of unity and fellowship among believers, a limited usefulness in ministry, and a loss of the joy and peace that all Christians should experience through the Holy Spirit

John MacArthur

We incur greater wrath by refusing to forgive than by all the rest of our indebtedness.

Charles Spurgeon

Misery is assured if I fail to forgive.

Hampton Keathley IV

The reason for forgiveness is found in the forgiver, not the forgiven.

*When I choose to receive forgiveness,
I obligate myself to practice forgiveness.*

Gary Inrig

General Oglethorpe once said to John Wesley, "I never forgive and I never forget." To which Wesley replied, "Then, sir, I hope you never sin."

John Wesley

If we have unforgiveness in our hearts against someone else, then we are not acting in a way that is pleasing to God or helpful to us. So God declares that He will distance Himself from us until we forgive others.

Wayne Grudem

When you refuse to forgive, you are giving the person who walloped you once the privilege of hurting you all over again—in your memory.

Lewis Smedes

1. What in the text/sermon impacted you most? Encouraged you? Convicted you? Challenged you? Confused you? Comforted you?

2. What is forgiveness? Support your answer from Scripture.

3. Should forgiveness be unconditional? Give biblical support for your answer.

4. Does God ever withdraw His forgiveness from someone who has received it? Explain.

5. Can a Christian lose their salvation? Explain and support with Scripture.

6. Is our forgiving one another a prerequisite to being forgiven by God? Do we earn God's forgiveness by forgiving others?

7. How can we be sure of God's forgiveness of our sins?

8. Is repentance necessary for forgiveness? Are we obligated to forgive if there is no repentance? Explain.

9. Is it important for us to forgive others even if they don't ask for it? Explain.

10. What do the following verses teach about repentance?

Ezekiel 18:30-32 —

Romans 2:4 —

Luke 24:46-47 —

2 Corinthians 7:8-12 —

Acts 20:17-21 —

11. If we forgive those who wrong us, does that mean a desire for justice is wrong? Explain.

When is restitution appropriate?

12. Why (or why not) and how should (or should not) all sinners respond as the first slave did in *Matthew 18:23-25*?

13. How might the Lord discipline us if we are unforgiving?

14. What kinds of blessings from God does an unforgiving Christian forfeit?

15. Does forgiveness have limits? How do we handle a repeat offender?

16. What do the following verses teach about forgiveness?

Leviticus 19:18 —

Luke 7:47 —

Matthew 5:23-24 —

Colossians 2:13-15 —