

SERMON NOTE: ..... the unforgiving Servant

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“Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, “Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?” Jesus answered, “I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times. “Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold was brought to him. Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt. “At this the servant fell on his knees before him. ‘Be patient with me,’ he begged, ‘and I will pay back everything.’ The servant’s master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go. “But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins. He grabbed him and began to choke him. ‘Pay back what you owe me!’ he demanded. “His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.’ “But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened. “Then the master called the servant in. ‘You wicked servant,’ he said, ‘I cancelled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. Shouldn’t you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?’ In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed. “This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart.””



<http://bible.us/111/mat.18.21-35.niv>

How many time shall we forgive? Seven(7)?

While JESUS was expecting a praise from JESUS, but instead JESUS shocked him by answering 70 x 7 times

#### Scene 1

1 servant debtor owed the Master 10,000 Talents

1 denarius=1 day's wage

Average annual wage is 300 denarius

10,000 Talents = Example of Rm2 Billions, 10,000 Talents could be the biggest accounting number at the time of JESUS

#### Scene 2

The servant who owed 10,000 Talents who was forgiven, met his debtor of 100 denarius, he hold and brought him into the jail.

#### Scene 3

Then the Master was reported of the unforgiving act of the Servant who he had forgiven, in anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed.

Matthew 18:35

“This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

The picture above is a symbol of reconciliation by Victim of Hitler oppression

The Coventry Cathedral was bombed in World War II is now a symbol of Reconciliation.

## November 14, 1940: Coventry Cathedral is destroyed by German bombs

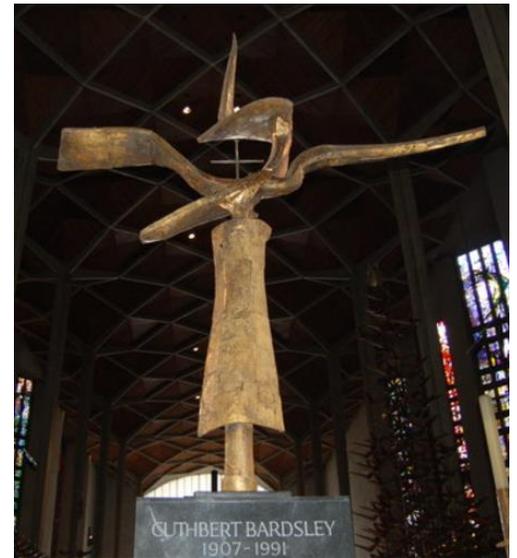
A 10-hour bombing raid on Coventry left 500 people dead, 2,300 homes destroyed and the city's mediaeval cathedral a shell which is now a site of reconciliation and remembrance.



A ministry of cross of nails

A new Cathedral was built side by side of old ruin Cathedral to remind believers to forgiveness n reconciliation

Can we as Church learn to forgive and move out from our church building to the community.. to exercise forgiveness in appreciation of GOD'S Great Forgiveness



## 'Reconciliation'

In 1995, 50 years after the end of the Second World War this sculpture by Josefina de Vasconcelos has been given by Richard Branson as a token of reconciliation.

An identical sculpture has been placed on behalf of the people of Coventry in the Peace Garden, Hiroshima, Japan.

Both sculptures remind us that, in the face of destructive forces, human dignity and love will triumph over disaster and bring nations together in respect and peace.

ジョセフィナ・デ・ヴァスコンチェロス女史制作の本像は、第2次世界大戦終結から50年を経た1995年、平和の証として、日本の広島市民を代表し、リチャード・ブランソン氏より寄贈されたものです。

まだ、本像と同一の彫像が、コベントリー市民に代わり、日本の広島市の平和公園にも贈られました。

この2つの像は私達に次のように思い起こさせてくれます。

——人類の尊厳と敬愛は、いかなる破壊力にも動じることなく惨禍を克服し、尊敬と平和のうちに国家と国家を結ぶ。——

## THE LITANY OF RECONCILIATION <sup>a</sup>



*All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.*

*The hatred which divides nation from nation,  
race from race, class from class.      Father, Forgive*

*The covetous desires of people & nations  
to possess what is not their own.      Father, Forgive*

*The greed which exploits the work of human  
hands & lays waste the earth.      Father, Forgive*

*Our envy of the welfare &  
happiness of others.      Father, Forgive*

*Our indifference to the plight of the imprisoned,  
the homeless, the refugee <sup>a</sup>      Father, Forgive <sup>a</sup>*

*The lust which dishonours the bodies of men,  
women & children.      Father, Forgive*

*The pride which leads us to trust in  
ourselves & not in God.      Father, Forgive*

**Be kind to one another, tender hearted.**

**forgiving one another as God in Christ**

*Forgave You <sup>a</sup>*