

SERMON NOTE: Forgiven And Forgiving

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Bible Ref: Matthew 18:21-35 NIV

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 canceled 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."



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New Dimension

How many times to forgive?

What is my duty and my right?

Purpose and outcome is to win back the brother.

We always record the ledger of sin or hurt

We don't have a system to clear the ledger.

V22 Rising beyond, JESUS said Seven time Seventy times... Meaning don't keep track,

Dimension of life

Duty and right

- giving

Right

- what we get back

Love cannot be quantified.

Forgiveness is relational, so don't count, keep Forgiving.

Grace Negated

Surprised grace

The servant got cancelled off his HUGE debt (something like 200 years of wages), a debt that he can never pay back.

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Immediately after that, he met his fellow servant who owed him a very small debt, he tried to choke him to death n out him into jail.

The Master called him wicked servant, for his act, who all him for forgiveness with a similar plea that he just presented to the master which he got a surprised grace.

He Negated his received mercy of forgiven such a HUGE debt.

Fred Rejailed

Why is he so violent?

This has to do with the condition of his heart.

The Master got angry n thrown him into jail, why is the Master angry now? Where is his grace?

It's over cane by the violent and ungrateful or unforgiving act of the servant.

If we allow our Unforgiveness n anger, we will be eaten by the consuming anger ourselves, when we forgive, we are release and Fred from this consuming resentment.

Hurt - Anger - Outburst

Past monkey - Present Emotion - Future Conduct

Free ourselves to live in GOD'S great grace and mercy, and HIS heart forgiveness.

Don't be jailed or Rejailed by our own hit, resentment and unforgiving heart.

So that we can live in HIS peace, grace and rejoicing life.