

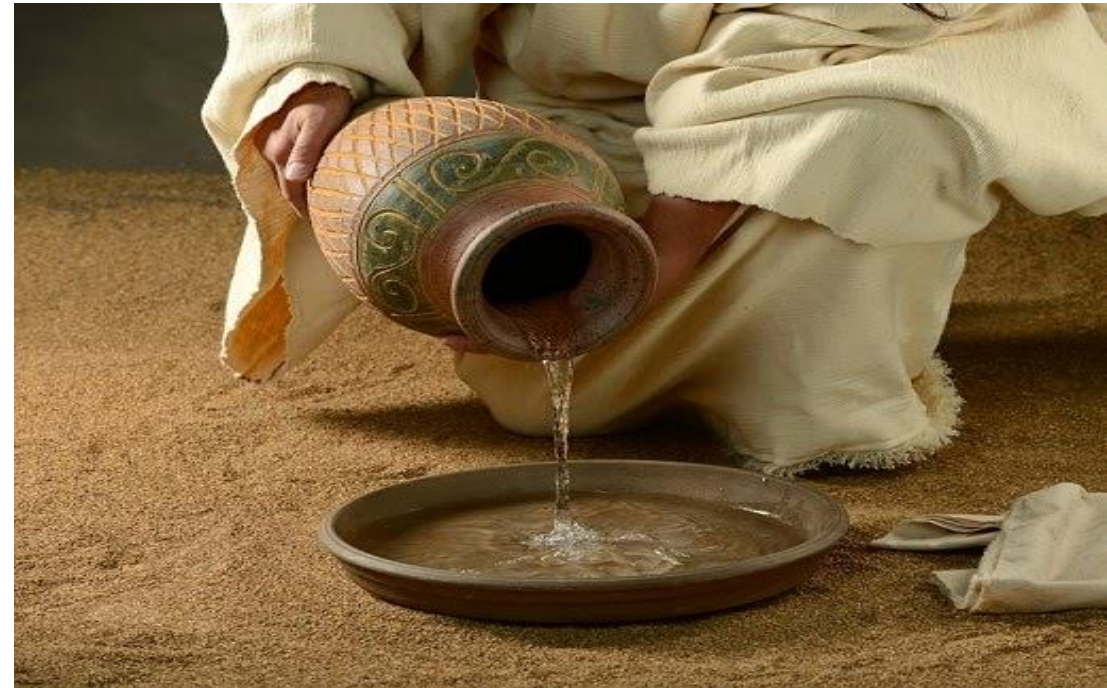
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# Forgive Each Other

**Matthew 18:21-35**



the  
**Gospel**  
according to  
**Matthew**



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# **HLCE Theme 2025**

## **Year of Service**

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***Come Follow Jesus  
Love and Serve Him!***

**Matthew 20:28**

***Jesus came not to be  
served but to serve***



# How to Serve in Love and Unity?

## Matthew 18 4<sup>th</sup> Teaching Discourse

### **Extra-ordinary Kingdom Relationships**

- Humility (V1-9)
- Care for Each Other (10-14)
- Resolving Conflicts (15-20)
- Forgiveness (V21-35)

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**Matthew 18:15-20**  
***Resolving Conflict  
with Love***

**A Life of Humility,  
Honesty, and Love**

***Purpose, Procedure,  
Principles***

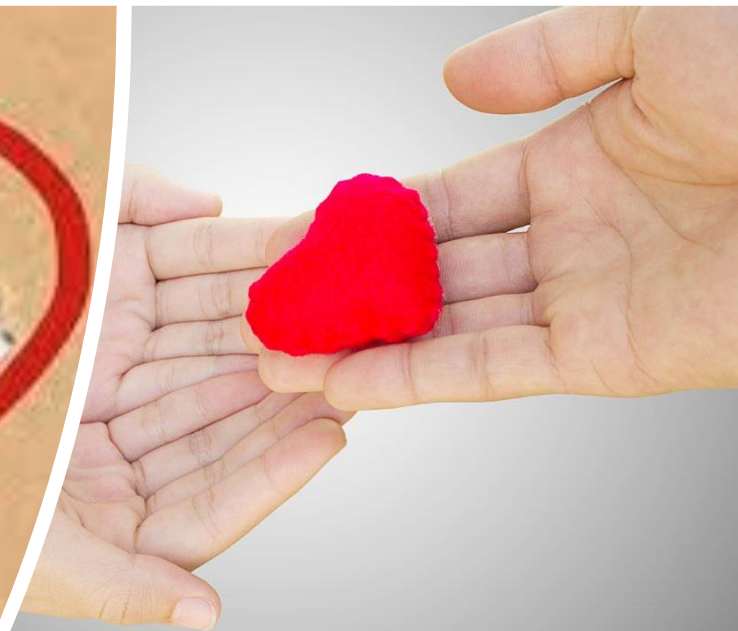
***By His Way and Power  
in His Presence***



**Matthew 18:21-35**  
**Forgive Each Other**

***Are you a  
forgiving person?***

**Forgiveness is difficult**  
**C.S. Lewis wrote,**  
*“Everyone thinks  
forgiveness is a lovely  
idea until he has  
something to forgive.”*



# The Tragedy of An Unforgiven Heart

**Marianne Williamson**

*"Unforgiveness is like  
drinking poison and waiting  
for the other person to die."*

**Forgive from the heart and  
remember the sin no more**

**John Connolly** *"There is nobility  
in compassion, a beauty in empathy,  
a grace in forgiveness."*



# **Matthew 18:21-35**

***21 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?' 22 Jesus answered, 'I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times. 23 'Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. 24 As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him. 25 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.***



***26 'At this the servant fell on his knees before him. "Be patient with me," he begged, "and I will pay back everything." 27 The servant's master took pity on him, cancelled the debt and let him go.***

***28 'But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii He grabbed him and began to choke him. "Pay back what you owe me!" he demanded.***

***29 'His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, "Be patient with me, and I will pay it back."***

***30 'But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt.***





***31 When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened.***

***32 'Then the master called the servant in.***

***"You wicked servant," he said, "I cancelled all that debt of yours because you begged me to.***

***33 Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?" 34 In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed. 35 'This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart.***



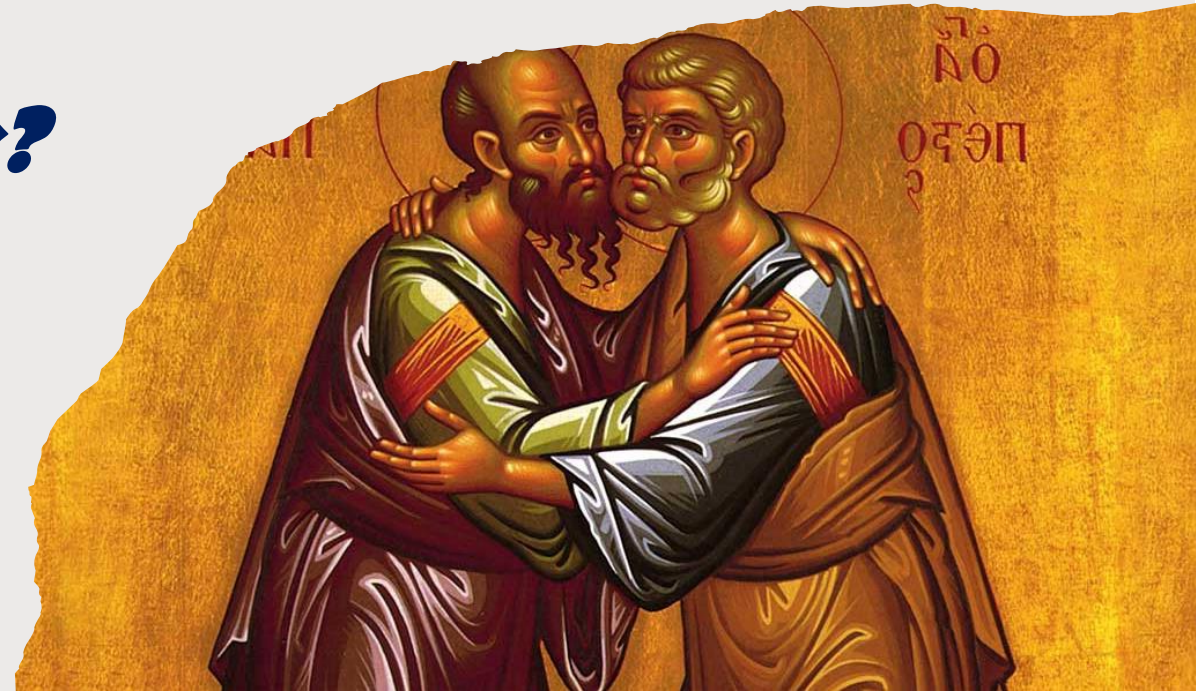
# How Many/Few Times Must I Forgive?

*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?'*

***How many times must I  
restore my brother who sins?***

**Unlimited Times**

*I tell you, not seven times,  
but seventy-seven times.*



## **The Parable of the Unmerciful Servant**

**A man owed the king  
an unpayable amount**

***10,000 talents***

***= 60 million denarii***

***=160,000 years wages***

***A talent is 6000 denarii,  
a denarius is a day's wage.***



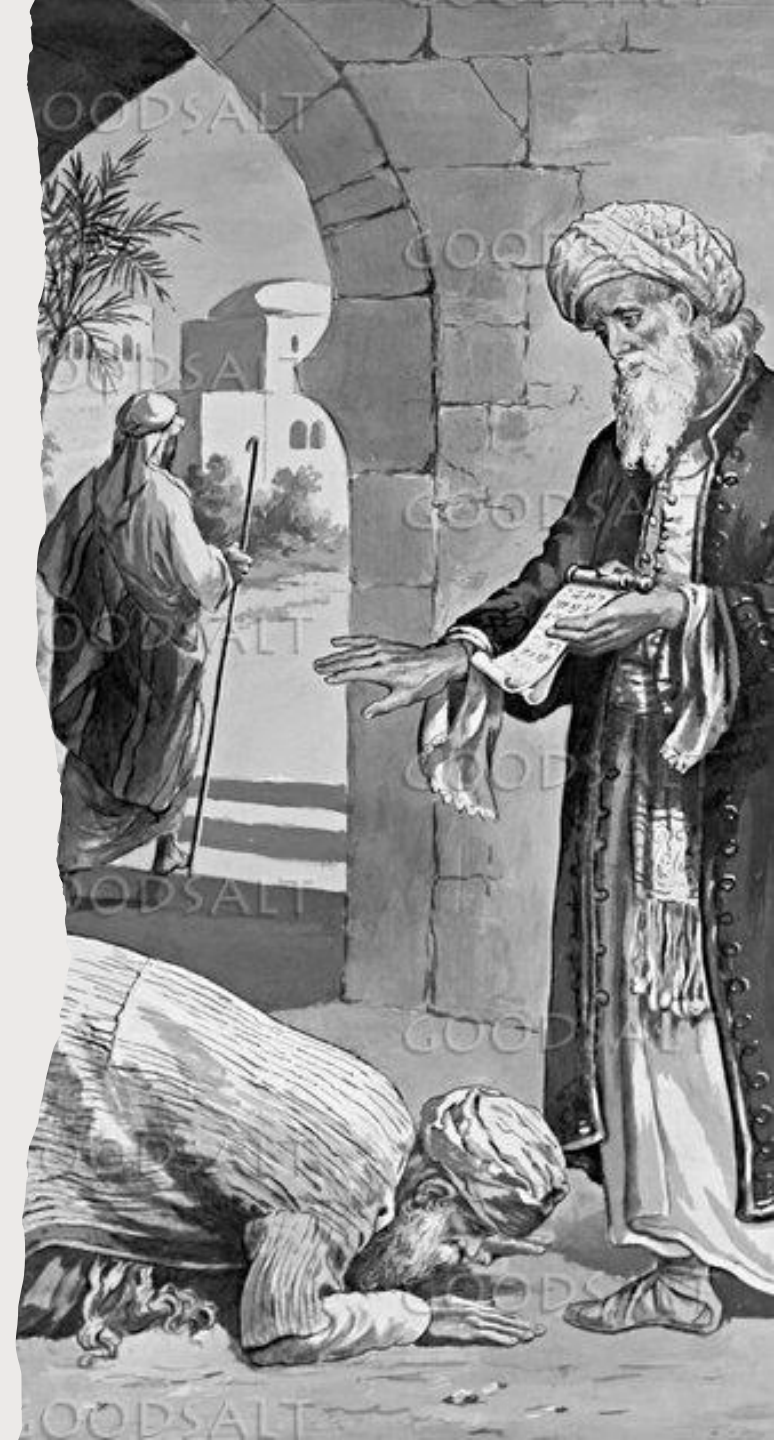


## **He came begging for mercy**

*“Be patient with me,”  
he begged, “and I will  
pay back everything.”*

**The king took pity  
on him and  
cancelled ALL  
his debt freely**

*He did not ask for it.  
It was pure grace!*



# The man unmerciful dealing with his friend

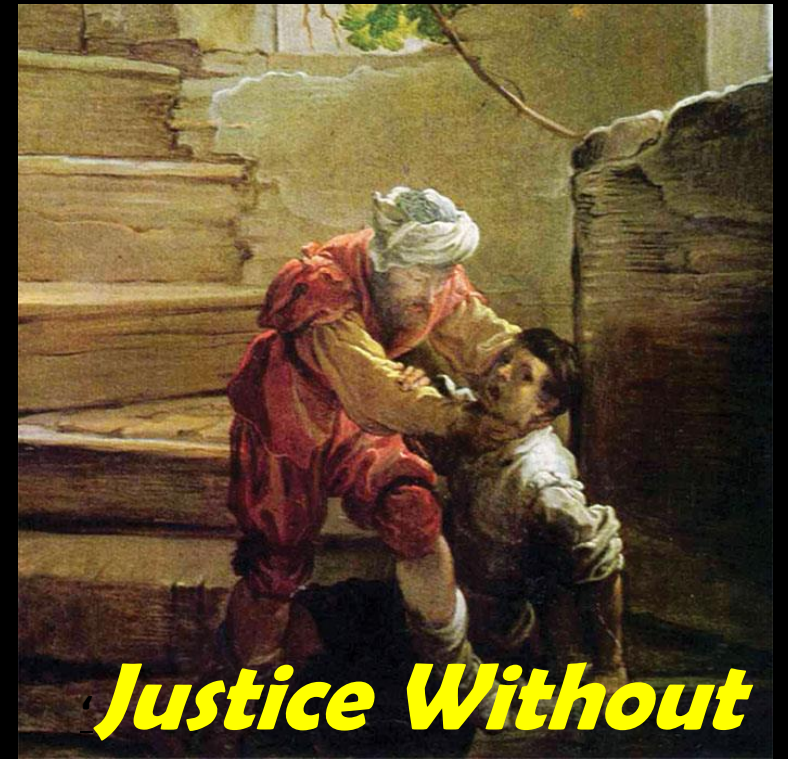
His friend owed him  
a payable amount

100 denarii = 100 days wages.

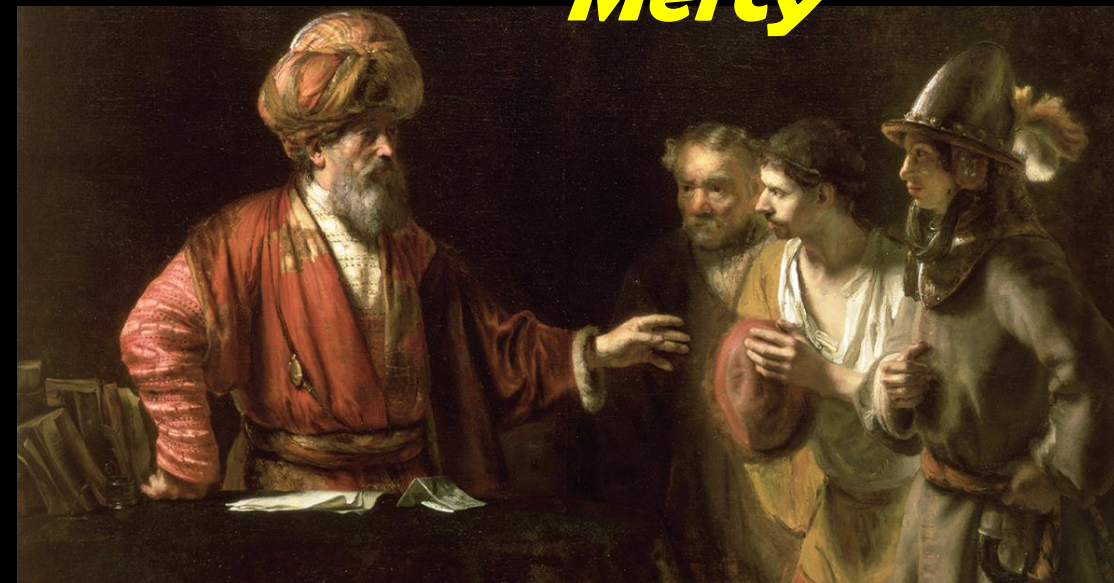
Compare his *60 million denarii* debt to the king.

**He refused to show mercy**

The king threw him  
into prison to be tortured



***Justice Without  
Mercy***



## **The lesson on Forgiveness**

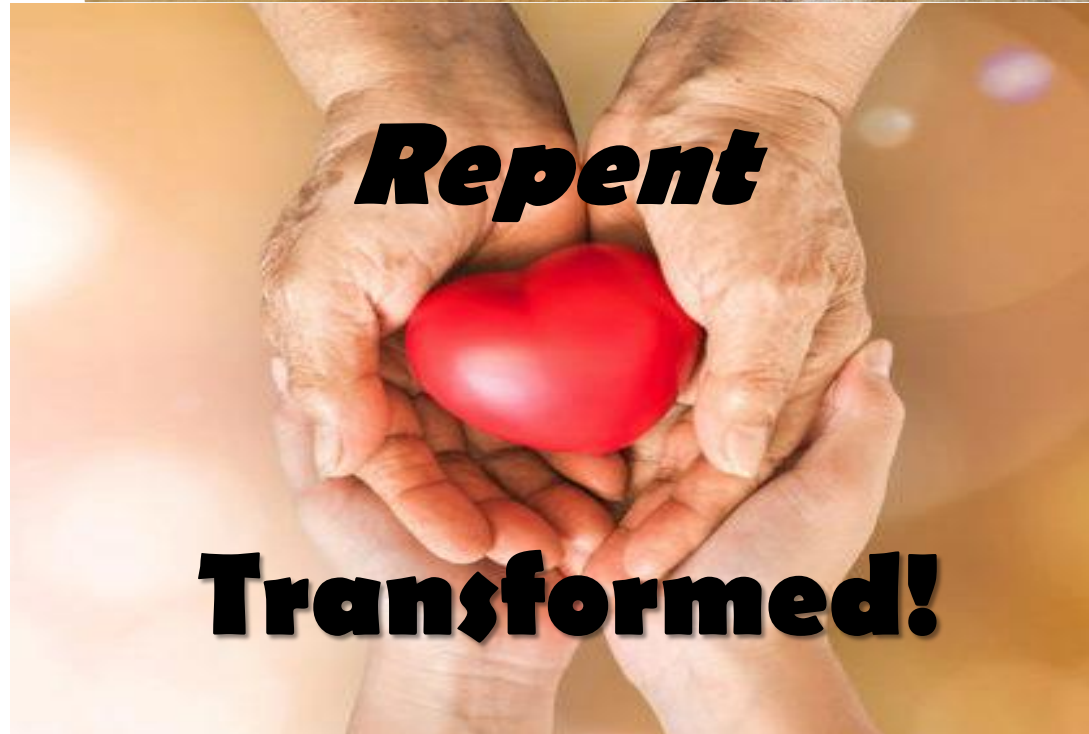
*'This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'*

**Forgive or you will not be forgiven**

**Evidence, Condition of a forgiven heart**

*If we have received forgiveness, have we really experienced forgiveness deep in the heart?*

**Not on Salvation**



# The Power to Forgive

## The Love & Power of Christ on the Cross

***Forgive as Christ  
has forgiven you***  
**Ephesians 4:32**

***30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit  
of God, with whom you were sealed  
for the day of redemption...***

***Be kind and compassionate to  
one another, forgiving each other,  
just as in Christ God forgave you.***



**We are the man  
who owes the king  
an impossible sum  
to pay back**

**Ephesians 2:1-5**  
**Our sins cannot be**  
**redeemed by our good works**

*As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins... gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath.*



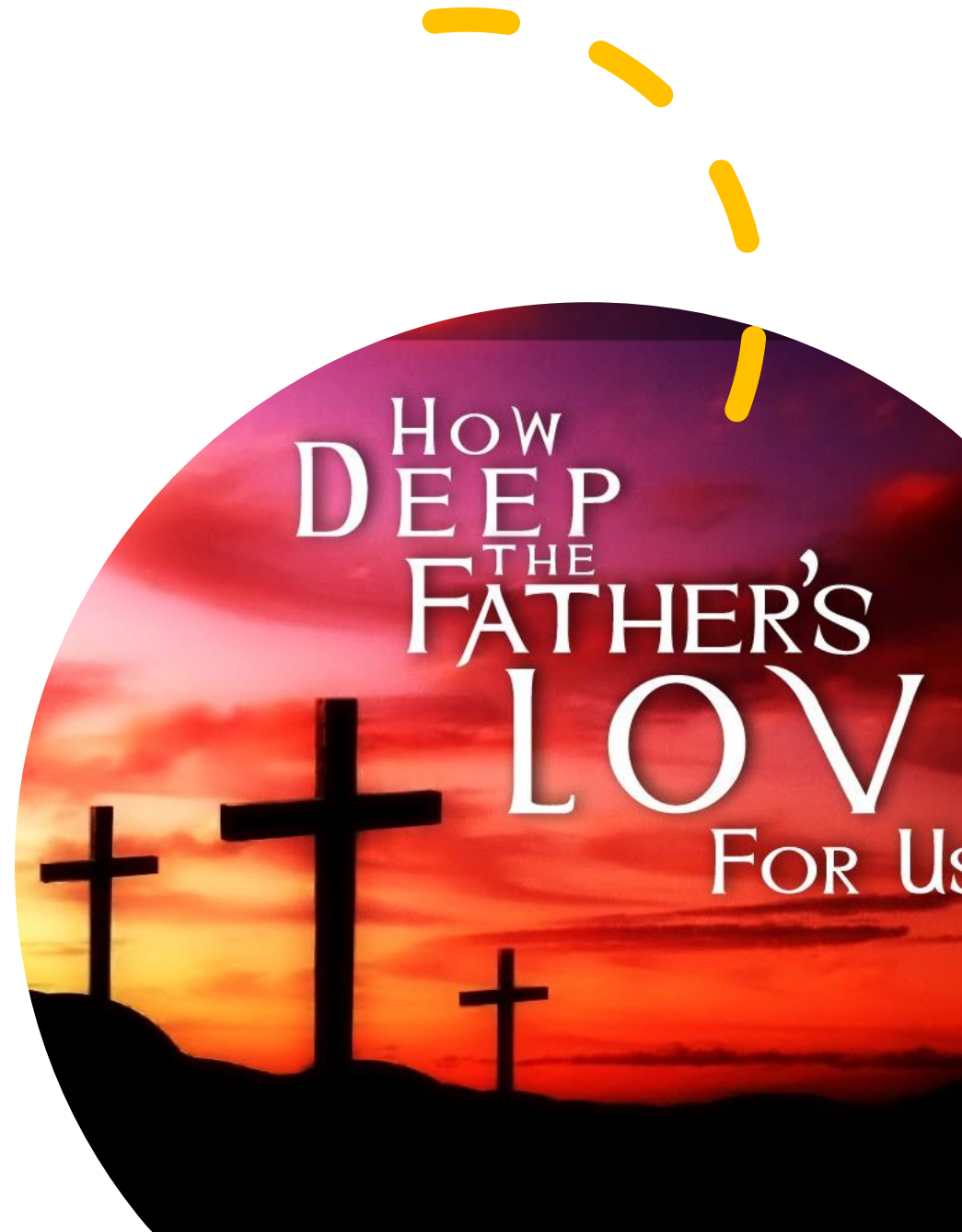


**By Grace God forgives us  
freely through His Son**

***<sup>4</sup> But because of his great love for us,  
God, who is rich in mercy, <sup>5</sup> made us  
alive with Christ even when we  
were dead in transgressions –  
it is by grace you have been saved.***

**We will forgive others if we  
are grateful for our forgiveness**

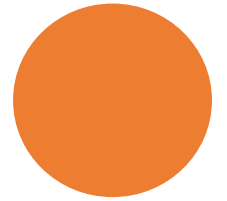
*If God has forgiven us such a  
great debt, how can we not forgive  
others the much smaller debt?*



**The Holy Spirit  
Empowers us  
to Forgive**

***We are made alive  
in Christ by the Spirit***

***Compel and humble  
by this love, we surrender  
ourselves to Jesus and  
be filled by the Spirit  
to love and forgive others***



**Forgive as  
you have been  
forgiven much**

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*“To be a Christian  
means to forgive the  
inexcusable because  
God has forgiven the  
inexcusable in you.”*

**C.S. Lewis**



MAKE ALLOWANCE FOR EACH OTHER'S FAULTS,  
AND FORGIVE ANYONE WHO OFFENDS YOU.

REMEMBER, THE LORD FORGAVE YOU,

*so you must forgive others.*

*Colossians 3:13*



# Serve Together in Love & Unity

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**Meditate on the  
love of Christ  
for us on the cross**

*Restore and forgive  
each other at  
ALL times*

