



Riverbluff Church Listening Guide
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Jesus Answers Life's Toughest Question, pt 4

“HOW OFTEN SHOULD I FORGIVE SOMEONE?”

Matthew 18:21-35

Matthew 18:21-35 (ESV)

²¹ Then Peter came up and said to Him, “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?” ²² Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times.

²³ “Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴ When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. ²⁵ And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. ²⁶ So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ ²⁷ And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸ But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, ‘Pay what you owe.’ ²⁹ So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ ³⁰ He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. ³¹ When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. ³² Then his master summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³ And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’ ³⁴ And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. ³⁵ So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”

Matthew 18:34-35 (NLT2)

“Then the angry king sent the man to prison to be tortured until he had paid his entire debt. That’s what my heavenly Father will do to you if you refuse to forgive your brothers and sisters from your heart.”

BIG IDEA

FORGIVENESS IS A _____ THAT HAS

IMPACT ON _____ AND IN _____ !

Matthew 18:27 (NLT2)

“Then his master was filled with pity for him, and he released him and forgave his debt.”

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Matthew 18:27 (NLT2)

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Matthew 18:27 (NLT2)

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WHAT FORGIVENESS _____ !

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Ephesians 4:26-32 (ESV)

“Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and give no opportunity to the devil...And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.”

Forgiveness replaces _____ with _____ !

2 Corinthians 2:10-11 (NIV)

“If you forgive anyone, I also forgive him... I have forgiven in the sight of Christ for your sake, in order that Satan might not outwit us. For we are not unaware of his schemes.”

Forgiveness _____ and _____ authorities!

James 3:15 (NASB)

“This wisdom is not that which comes down from above, but is earthly, natural, demonic.”

James 3:17 (TLB)

“But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure and...full of mercy and good deeds. It is wholehearted and straightforward and sincere.”

Acts 7:57-60 (NCV)

⁵⁷ Then they shouted loudly and covered their ears and all ran at Stephen. ⁵⁸ They took him out of the city and began to throw stones at him to kill him. And those who told lies against Stephen left their coats with a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹ While they were throwing stones, Stephen prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” ⁶⁰ He fell on his knees and cried in a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” After Stephen said this, he died.

**My confidence in GOD’s forgiveness is _____ to the
forgiveness I _____ to others!**

2 Corinthians 10:13 (NASB)

“We will not boast beyond our measure, but within the measure which God apportioned to us...to reach even as far as you.”

Luke 6:37 (ESV)

“Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven...”;

Matthew 6:14-15 (MSG)

“In prayer there is a connection between what God does and what you do. You can't get forgiveness from God, for instance, without also forgiving others. If you refuse to do your part, you cut yourself off from God's part.”

Luke 12:48 (NLT2)

“When someone has been given much, much will be required in return; and when someone has been entrusted with much, even more will be required.”

Forgiveness always ends in _____ !

1 John 2:12 (NLT2)

“I am writing to you who are God’s children because your sins have been forgiven through Jesus.

Romans 4:7-8 (NLT2)

“Oh, what joy for those whose disobedience is forgiven, whose sins are put out of sight. Yes, what joy for those whose record the LORD has cleared of sin.”

Luke 15:10 (NCV)

“In the same way, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God when one sinner changes his heart and life.”