

The Miracle of Forgiveness Notes

Matthew 18:21-35

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Main Point: Forgiveness is supernatural because it begins with the heart of God, who then empowers us to forgive.

*Forgiveness - being forgiven and offering forgiveness is at the very core of the heart of God and the Christian faith. It really is a miracle because it's _____.

Q. How important is forgiveness to the Christian life?

- Ephesians 4:32 - Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.
- Colossians 3:12-13 - Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, **13** bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

Pattern in Scripture:

- Acknowledge _____
- Confess
- _____ for forgiveness
- Repent

1. We must be _____ to God first and foremost (Romans 8:1)
2. We must be reconciled to our brothers and sisters in Christ

Text: Matthew 18:21-35 – The Parable of the _____ Servant

*Rabbis would recommend not forgiving more than _____ times.

Matthew 6 - **14** For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, **15** but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

What unforgiveness can do:

- Can damage our relationship with God
- Can cause prayers to go _____
- Can create distance with God

Matthew 18:24 – One _____ was worth years of wages

Matthew 18:28 – One _____ was worth three months wages

Matthew 18:35 – We must forgive others from the _____.

Implications of Matthew 18:21:35:

- In our relationship with _____
- In our relationship with others
- In parenting
- In marriage

*When you forgive someone, it doesn't mean there aren't _____ sometimes.

Our world today:

We live in a day and age when everyone is offended by everything all the time!

We must learn to not be easily offended.

Cancel Culture labels people as _____.

Matthew 5 - Love Your Enemies

43 You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' **44** But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,

*Unforgiveness does not just affect us spiritually, but also _____ and physically.

Action Steps:

1. Keep short accounts with people
2. Forgiving the unforgivable may be _____ of us
3. Make things right with God and with others today

Psalms 51 – A prayer of confession