

Sunday, September 13th, 2026
Sermon Series: "Surrender: Serving the Savior"
"Forgiveness." Text(s): Matthew 18:21-35.
(Pentecost)

Matthew 18:21 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.

Forgiving Others is Not...

When We Forgive...We...

the Resentment.

Matthew 18:26 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.

ἀφίημι (*aphiemi*): "To dismiss" "Send away"

Romans 12:17-21 Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. ¹⁸ If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰ To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

How We Forgive...We...

God's Redemption.

Matthew 18:32-35 "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."

Genesis 50:19-20 But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? ²⁰ As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today.

(Answers: Release. Receive.)