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PART 3: FROM THE CRADLE TO THE CROSS — PARABLES

“FORGIVE AS YOU HAVE BEEN FORGIVEN!”

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1. Forgiveness is _____!

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.

- Matthew 18:21-22

2. Our forgiveness of others is _____ compared to what God has forgiven _____!

“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.’”

- Matthew 18:24-26

3. Forgiveness is not just _____, but comes from our _____!

“The servant’s master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go.

- Matthew 18:27

4. There is a difference between _____ and _____!

5. Jesus paid a debt He did not _____, for us who owed a debt we could not _____!

The Bible says this in many ways ...

When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross.
- Colossians 2:14

He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.”
- 1 Peter 2:24

God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.”
- 2 Corinthians 5:21

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
- Romans 5:8

But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.
- Isaiah 53:5

Application for Life

1. How often do you think about the size of debt you owed to God, and the fact that Jesus paid it all for you on the cross?
2. How often does the magnitude of what Jesus has done for you impact the compassion you have for others?
3. Who do you need to forgive today?
 - Remember the difference between forgiveness and reconciliation?

“Whoever is forgiven much loves much!”