

## Forgiveness in the Kingdom

Parables Jesus Preached

*Matthew 18:21-35*

**Theme:** In God's Kingdom, we must forgive one another as God forgives us.

### I. THE OBLIGATION TO FORGIVE ONE ANOTHER (21-22, 35)

A. Forgive one another g\_\_\_\_\_ without limit (21-22).

B. Forgive one another g\_\_\_\_\_ from the heart (35).

### II. THE MOTIVATION TO FORGIVE ONE ANOTHER (23-27)

A. Recognize the g\_\_\_\_\_ of your own sin against God (24).

B. Remember the g\_\_\_\_\_ and mercy of God in forgiving you in Christ (Col. 2:13-14).

C. Remain g\_\_\_\_\_ for such great forgiveness.

### III. THE REPERCUSSIONS OF REFUSING TO FORGIVE ONE ANOTHER (28-35)

A. Refusing to forgive a fellow believer h\_\_\_\_\_ your heart with hate (28-30).

B. Refusing to forgive a fellow believer g\_\_\_\_\_ the church (31).

C. Refusing to forgive a fellow believer p\_\_\_\_\_ God's anger, inviting His d\_\_\_\_\_ (32-35).

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1. Describe a movie, book, or story where forgiveness played a key role. What stuck with you?
2. How does Jesus' use of "seventy-seven times" (or 70x7) draw from Old Testament imagery, like in Genesis 4:23-24? What does Genesis 4:23-24 reveal about our fallen hearts, and what does Jesus' teaching in Matthew 18:22 teach us about mercy in the kingdom?
3. How does recognizing the gravity of your own sin against God (like the 10,000-talent debt) change the way you view offenses committed against you?
4. In light of the motivation to forgive in the parable, how could you dwell on God's grace and mercy this week to help you extend grace and mercy to others?
5. How can you practically forgive someone generously without limit and genuinely from the heart this week, especially if they've wronged you multiple times?

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