

Parables

MESSAGE NOTES

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The Unmerciful Servant

Demonstrate gratitude for how God has forgiven you by readily forgiving others who sin against you

1. You've been forgiven by God an amount you could never repay

Matthew 18:21-22

Forgive means "to send away, release"

Mercy – not getting what you deserve

Matthew 18:23-27

2. Though you've been forgiven much, you often forget that when others wrong you

Matthew 18:28-30

3. An expectation of being forgiven by God is that you would forgive others

Matthew 18:31-35

Colossians 3:13

In the Kingdom that Jesus came to offer, ". . . those who are forgiven must forgive, lest they show themselves incapable of receiving forgiveness."

D.A. Carson, Expositor's Bible Commentary, Matthew

- a. There are vertical and horizontal aspects to forgiveness

Matthew 18:15

Matthew 5:23-24

- b. Forgiveness and trust are two different things

- c. The only thing that is harder than forgiveness is the alternative

"We are most like beasts when we kill. We are most like men when we judge. We are most like God when we forgive."

Now What?

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