

CONQUERORS THROUGH CHRIST

Sunday Morning, February 20, 2022 » Pastor Josiah Kagin

Message Title: Conquering Unforgiveness

Message Text: Matthew 18:15-35

Introduction:

Jesus told us in Luke 17:1, *“It is impossible but that offences will come...”* The fact is, as humans, we will be offended and we will offend. How we respond to those offenses is vitally important to our spiritual health as well as whether we experienced the triumph of Christ in our lives.. Sometimes disciples of Christ can go years without properly dealing with offenses and it eventually destroys them. For this purpose, Jesus taught His followers how to properly deal with sin and offenses. Let’s open our ears to His very helpful, authoritative instruction.

1. _____ will Happen (15-20)

DEFINITION—TRESPASS: to sin; violate a divine law

A. Deal with Trespasses _____ (15-16)

Matthew 18:15–16 Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother. 16 But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.

GO — do not wait for him.

_____—DEAL WITH IT ONE ON ONE (15)

DEFINITION—TELL...FAULT: expose; reprove; to admonish someone strongly; likely using argumentation to convince and refute. {*Ephesians 5:11 reprove*}

NOTE: This should not be done with a vindictive heart of anger, but a heart desiring reconciliation.

Psalm 133:1 Behold, how good and how pleasant it is For brethren to dwell together in unity!

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Ephesians 4:1–3 I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, 2 With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; 3 Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

_____—DEAL WITH IT WITH ONE OR TWO OTHERS (16)

Galatians 6:1 Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.

B. Deal with Trespasses _____ (17-20)

Matthew 18:17 And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church: but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican.

DEFINITION—NEGLECT: refuse

CORPORATELY—DEAL WITH IT BEFORE THE CHURCH BODY.

Romans 16:17 Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them.

NOTE: This is what is commonly referred to as church discipline.

CHURCH DISCIPLINE IS FOR _____.

CHURCH DISCIPLINE IS A CHRIST GIVEN _____.

Matthew 18:18 Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

CHURCH DISCIPLINE SHOULD BE DONE _____.

Matthew 18:19–20 Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven. 20 For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

QUOTE: Combined prayer is precious, and the most effective, for which reason we also come together, and from which also the church is called the house of prayer. For truly the church on earth has no greater power or work than such united prayer against everything that may strike against her. —Martin Luther

2. _____ must Happen (21-35)

A. A Raw _____ (21-22)

Matthew 18:21–22 Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times? 22 Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven.

NOTE: Traditional Rabbinical teaching only required an offended person to forgive three times.

HUMAN MINDSET — conditions and limitations

CHRIST'S MINDSET — unconditional and unlimited

Colossians 2:13 And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses;

B. A Revealing _____ (23-34)

Matthew 18:23–35 Therefore is the kingdom of heaven likened unto a certain king, which would take account of his servants. 24 And when he had begun to reckon, one was brought unto him, which owed him ten thousand talents. 25 But forasmuch as he had not to pay, his lord commanded him to be sold, and his wife, and children, and all that he had, and payment to be made. 26 The servant therefore fell down, and worshipped him, saying, Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay thee all. 27 Then the lord of that servant was moved with compassion, and loosed him, and forgave him the debt.

28 But the same servant went out, and found one of his fellowservants, which owed him an hundred pence: and he laid hands on him, and took him by the throat, saying, Pay me that thou owest. 29 And his fellowservant fell down at his feet, and besought him, saying, Have patience with me, and I will pay thee all. 30 And he would not: but went and cast him into prison, till he should pay the debt. 31 So when his fellowservants saw what was done, they were very sorry, and came and told unto their lord all that was done. 32 Then his lord, after that he had called him, said unto him, O thou wicked servant, I forgave thee all that debt, because thou desiredst me: 33 Shouldest not thou also have had compassion on thy fellowservant, even as I had pity on thee? 34 And his lord was wroth, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all that was due unto him. 35 So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses.

TEN THOUSAND TALENTS — 1 Million Dollars (Life-Time)

HUNDRED PENCE — 10 Dollars (One-Time)

Ephesians 4:32 And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

C. A Real-Life _____ (35)

Matthew 18:35 So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses.

FORGIVE FROM THE HEART

Psalm 66:18 If I regard iniquity in my heart, The Lord will not hear me:

FORGIVE EVERY BROTHER

Hebrews 12:15 Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled;

Luke 17:4 And if he trespass against thee seven times in a day, and seven times in a day turn again to thee, saying, I repent; thou shalt forgive him.

NOTE: There is a difference between forgiveness and _____.

Matthew 18:15 ...tell him his fault...if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother.

2 Corinthians 5:18 And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation;

QUOTE: Forgiveness is a one-way street. Reconciliation is a two-way street.

Genesis 50:20 But as for you, ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive.

Conclusion

Colossians 3:13 Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye.

QUOTE: A good marriage is made up of two good forgivers. —Graham

Our Goal for 2022

To radically increase our understanding and experience of conquering through Christ over sin and every obstacle that hinders us from obeying the Word and will of Jesus Christ.



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