HARD SAYINGS
OF JESUS
Quid Pro Quo

UNFORGIVENESS

Matthew 18:21-35
Then Peter came to Him and said, “Lord, how many times could my brother sin against me and I forgive him? As many as seven times?”
“I tell you, not as many as seven,” Jesus said to him, “but 70 times seven. For this reason, the kingdom of heaven can be
compared to a king who wanted to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began to settle accounts, one who owed 10,000 talents was
brought before him. Since he had no way to pay it back, his master commanded that he, his wife, his children, and everything he had
be sold to pay the debt. “At this, the slave fell facedown before him and said, ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay you everything!’ Then
the master of that slave had compassion, released him, and forgave him the loan. “But that slave went out and found one of
his fellow slaves who owed him 100 denarii. He grabbed him, started choking him, and said, ‘PAY WHAT YOU OWE!’
“At this, his fellow slave fell down and began begging him, ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.’ But he wasn’t willing.
On the contrary, he went and threw him into prison until he could pay what was owed. When the other slaves saw what had
taken place, they were deeply distressed and went and reported to their master everything that had happened. “Then, after he
had summoned him, his master said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you begged me. Shouldn’t you
also have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And his master got angry and handed him over to the
jailers until he could pay everything that was owed.
So My heavenly Father will also do to you if each of you does not forgive his brother from his heart.”
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Unforgiveness

Matthew 18:21-35
The Question
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How many times must I forgive one person?
The Answer
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As many times as they hurt you.
The Kingdom Illustrated Act I
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The King begins settling accounts
The Kingdom Illustrated Act I

One slave owes an unpayable debt
The Kingdom Illustrated Act I

The slave begs for more time
The Kingdom Illustrated Act I

Instead the King forgives his entire debt
The Kingdom Illustrated Act II
The forgiven slave finds a fellow slave who owes him a debt
The forgiven slave chokes the other in a fit of justice
The Kingdom Illustrated Act II

The other slave begs for more time
The forgiven slave is unwilling & has him thrown into prison
The Kingdom Illustrated Act III

The other slaves see this display of angry justice & report it to the King.
The Kingdom Illustrated Act III

“You wicked slave,...”
"Shouldn’t you have followed My example?"
The Kingdom Illustrated Act III

The King hands over the wicked slave to be tortured & reinstates his debt
The Deeper Answer
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You must forgive with an unmistakable forgiveness
The Deeper Answer

If not, the King will hand you over to punishment.
What About You?
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What have you been forgiven of?
What About You?

What are you unwilling to forgive?