

# Sermon Notes

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## Forgive Because You Have Been Forgiven

Matthew 18:21-35

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**Text sermon questions, during the sermon, to (602) 824-8030**

The limits of forgiveness - asked by Peter, answered by Jesus

**Our forgiveness should be limitless.**

Christians should be extreme in forgiveness. (ref: Gen. 4:23-24)

To forgive means to release from obligation/consequences.

Parable of the king and his servants

The king forgives the servant's gigantic, unpayable, debt.

The king represents God.

The debts represent the sin of each human.

**God has forgiven us our sins, in Christ.**

The forgiven servant refuses to forgive his fellow-servant.

This debt was significant, but comparatively little.

If we behave this way it's terrible hypocrisy.

**God has forgiven us, in Christ, such a huge debt that we should forgive our brothers in Christ their sins against us, even significant ones.**

The king's punishment of the unforgiving forgiven servant

God will deliver us to earthly torment, until we forgive.

**You must forgive from your heart, not superficial.**

This doesn't mean we just do it in our heart, apart from talking with the person.

Talk with them, tell them their wrong, allow them to apologize, then really forgive them.

What should forgiveness look like?

**No revenge. No hate. But more than that.**

**No bitterness. Work on restored relationship.**

**Don't treat them like they owe you.**

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**What is your response to this? Discuss it with someone today.**