

# Freedom in Forgiveness

Noah - Matthew 18:23-35

## The Great News

- ▶ A King who LOOKS to settle outstanding accounts.
- ▶ The servants debt can't POSSIBLY be reconciled.
- ▶ The King is moved to act with mercy and COMPASSION.

## The Ironic Turn

- ▶ The servant treats another with COMPLETE DISREGARD for the mercy he just received.

## The Warning

- ▶ Refusal to extend the MERCY we receive can have dire consequences.
- \***Consider:** Matt. 6:12 *Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.* **Notice the equation:** Grant me forgiveness = to what I grant others!

Forgiving is like breathing - we take it in and let it out. To omit either, kills us.

## Rex

The degree of forgiveness depends upon the depth of the resentment.

## COMMUNION

Our Lord Himself gave us the supper.

At this table, we meet with our Savior, look back upon his sacrifice, ask for and receive forgiveness, and renew our commitment.

- ▶ “For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.” -1 Corinthians 11:26
- ▶ “Amen. Come, Lord Jesus” -Revelation 22:20

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## Verses for reflection:

Psalm 51

Dan. 9:19 O Lord, listen! O Lord, forgive! O Lord, hear and act!

Psa. 130:4 But with you there is forgiveness

Matt. 26:28 This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Mark 11:25 And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive him, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins.”

Luke 23:34 Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.” And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

Col. 3:13 Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

## Quotable:

*The only thing harder than forgiveness is the alternative.* - Philip Yancey, What’s So Amazing About Grace

*“To be a Christian means to forgive the inexcusable because God has forgiven the inexcusable in you.”* - C.S. Lewis, Essays on Forgiveness

*Forgive us, our Father, for we have sinned, pardon us, our King, for we have transgressed; for You pardon and forgive. Blessed are You, Lord, the gracious One who repeatedly forgives.* - Koren Siddur, Jewish Prayer Book

*“To forgive is to set a prisoner free and discover that the prisoner was you.”* - Lewis Smedes, Forgive and Forget

## Notes:

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