

TIMELESS TEACHING for TURBULENT TIMES

Message Notes for September 27, 2020

What makes it challenging for you to forgive someone?

FORGIVENESS: A conscious, deliberate _____ to release feelings of resentment or vengeance toward a person or group who has harmed you, regardless of whether they actually deserve your forgiveness.

(<https://greatergood.berkeley.edu/topic/forgiveness/definition#what-is-forgiveness>)

Matthew 18:21 Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother when he sins against me? Up to seven times?"

22 Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times."

Why would it be nice to have a limit on forgiveness?

23 "Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. 24 As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him. 25 Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt.

26 "The servant fell on his knees before him. 'Be patient with me,' he begged, 'and I will pay back everything.' 27 The servant's master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go.

What impact do think this large act of forgiveness would have?

What is Jesus teaching you about the forgiveness you have received?

28 "But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii. He grabbed him and began to choke him. 'Pay back what you owe me!' he demanded.

29 "His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.'

30 "But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. 31 When the other servants saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed and went and told their master everything that had happened.

Why is it so hard to forgive...after we have been forgiven?

1. They don't _____ to be forgiven.
2. If they hurt _____, I will hurt _____.
3. If I forgive, it will _____ the wrong.

Truth about forgiveness:

1. Forgiveness is _____, not _____.
- *Colossians 2:13 When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your sinful nature, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, ...*
2. Forgiveness _____ my hurt.
- *Micah 7:18 Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives the transgression of the remnant of his inheritance? You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy.*
3. Forgiveness recognizes the _____ without taking _____.
- *Romans 12:19 Do not take revenge, my friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord.*

The impact of failing to forgive:

32 "Then the master called the servant in. 'You wicked servant,' he said, 'I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. 33 Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?' 34 In anger his master turned him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed. 35 "This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother from your heart."

Why is forgiving others so important to our relationship with God's forgiveness?

The impact of forgiveness in our turbulent times:

- *Ephesians 4:32 Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.*

1. **Forgiveness stops one _____ from creating more _____.**
2. **Forgiveness gives my heart _____ and _____ for the soul of the one who wronged me.**

What truth from today's message will you take this week?

DEVOTIONS THIS WEEK: *The Impact of Forgiveness: Favorite Forgiveness Moments...*

Forgiveness Passages

[Ephesians 4:32](#)

Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

[Mark 11:25](#) ESV

And whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone, so that your Father also who is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses."

[1 John 1:9](#) ESV

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

[Colossians 3:13](#) ESV

Bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

[James 5:16](#) ESV

Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.

[Psalm 103:10-14](#) ESV

He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him. For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust.