

MESSAGE NOTES

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“Why Forgive?”

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Lord, how often should I forgive someone who sins against me? Seven times?

Matthew 18:21 (NLT)

No, not seven times, but seventy times seven!

Matthew 18:22 (NLT)

The Kingdom of Heaven can be compared to a king who decided to bring his accounts up to date with servants who had borrowed money from him. In the process, one of his debtors was brought in who owed him millions of dollars. He couldn't pay, so his master ordered that he be sold—along with his wife, his children, and everything he owned—to pay the debt.

Matthew 18:23-25 (NLT)

The man fell down before his master and begged him, “Please, be patient with me, and I will pay it all back.”

Matthew 18:26 (NLT)

Then his master was filled with pity for him, and he released him and forgave his debt.

Matthew 18:27 (NLT)

For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard.

Romans 3:23 (NLT)

O Lord, you are so good, so ready to forgive, so full of unfailing love for all who ask for your help.

Psalms 86:5 (NLT)

But when the man left the king, he went to a fellow servant who owed him a few thousand dollars. He grabbed him by the throat and demanded instant payment. His fellow servant fell down before him and begged for a little more time. “Be patient with me, and I will pay it,” he pleaded. But his creditor wouldn't wait. He had the man arrested and put in prison until the debt could be paid in full.

Matthew 18:28-30 (NLT)

Be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you.

Ephesians 4:32 (NLT)

Put up with each other, and forgive anyone who does you wrong, just as Christ has forgiven you.

Colossians 3:13 (CEV)

When some of the other servants saw this, they were very upset. They went to the king and told him everything that had happened. Then the king called in the man he had forgiven and said, "You evil servant! I forgave you that tremendous debt because you pleaded with me. Shouldn't you have mercy on your fellow servant, just as I had mercy on you?" Then the angry king sent the man to prison to be tortured until he had paid his entire debt.

Matthew 18:31-34 (NLT)

...resentment destroys the fool.

Job 5:2 (NLT)

That's what my heavenly Father will do to you if you refuse to forgive your brothers and sisters from your heart.

Matthew 18:35 (NLT)

...forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

Luke 11:4 (NLT)

God is faithful and reliable. If we confess our sins, he forgives them and cleanses us from everything we've done wrong.

1 John 1:9 (GWT)

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(NIV) New International Version
(NLT) New Living Translation
(NCV) New Century Version
(TEV) Today's English Version
(CEV) Contemporary English Version
(GW) God's Word
(AMP) Amplified Version
(JBP) JB Phillips
(LB) Living Bible
(MSG) The Message