

“The Graciousness of Forgiveness”



“Everyone says forgiveness is a lovely idea, until they have something to forgive. The effects of unforgiveness are easily apparent: broken relationships, broken homes, division in the Body of Christ, bitterness, anger, resentment, rage, and so on. Every one of these are found in an unforgiving person.”

(C.S. Lewis)

Matthew 18:21-35, Col. 3:14

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SCENE ONE: The Servant & His Master

Debt Decree Desperation Deliverance

SCENE TWO: The Forgiven Servant & Another

Pitiful Request Pitiless Response

SCENE THREE: The forgiven Servant & the King

Outrage / Rile Outcome / Result

Overall Redeeming Lesson

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SCENE FOUR: Applying the Parable

Forgiveness is a working of grace ...

2 “actions” of forgiveness ...

The “costliness” of forgiveness ...

Forgiving is not forgetting ...

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

Luke 6:37 Forgive, and you will be forgiven.

Col 3:13-14 Bear with each other & forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

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2 Corinthians 2:5-8 (speaking of the one who sins and wrongs another)

If anyone has caused grief, he has not so much grieved me as he has grieved all of you, to some extent, not to put it too severely. Now instead, you ought to forgive and comfort him, so that he will not be overwhelmed by excessive sorrow. I urge you, therefore, to reaffirm your love for him.