

Series: "LONG STORY SHORT"
PART 1: "UNFORGIVING DEBTOR"
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The Danger of Unforgiveness

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Matthew 18:32-35 (NIV)

➤ **Unforgiveness will _____ you**

3 Truths for Understanding Forgiveness

²¹ Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?" ²² Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times."

Matthew 18:21-22 (NIV)

1. Forgiveness is something _____ not _____

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 bags of gold was brought to him."

Matthew 18:23-24 (NIV)

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 "At this 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."

Matthew 18:25-27 (NIV)

2. Forgiveness comes at a _____

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Matthew 18:34-35 (NIV)

3. Forgiveness freely _____ demands that forgiveness be freely _____

Sermon notes:
