



**Freely Forgiven, Freely Forgiving**  
**Matthew 18:21-35**

1. Read Matthew 18:21-22. What does Jesus teach about forgiveness here?

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a. What does it mean to forgive another? Note – forgiveness can occur when a person asks for it (see Luke 17:3-4), but also when a person does not ask for it (see Mark 11:25).

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b. What do you find difficult about Jesus' teaching here?

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c. How can you tell if you've not actually forgiven someone? What do you experience in your heart and mind toward them?

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d. What excuses have you made to avoid forgiving others?

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2. Read Matthew 18:23-35. From the sermon, explain the significance of the 10,000 talents and the 100 denarii.

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a. According to v. 34-35, what does Jesus teach happens to the person who consistently refuses to forgive? How do we reconcile this with Titus 3:5? Consider James 2:14, 17-18 and Matthew 7:16-20.

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b. From the parable, who should *you* identify with, and why should this transform the way you view forgiveness? Consider Colossians 2:13-14.

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c. What keeps you from being more amazed by how FORGIVEN you actually are?

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3. How has unforgiveness harmed you personally?

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4. Why do lasting relationships require *limitless* forgiveness?

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a. Why does forgiveness not equal *forgetfulness* of past offences?

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5. What did you find impactful about the story of the holocaust survivor named Rose Price?

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6. Are there people you have not forgiven? Are there people you are resistant to bless because of past offenses? Name them and explain how you will go about obeying God's command to be a limitless forgiver.

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