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#### The Path To Forgiveness - Part 1

Matthew 18:21-35

# **INTRODUCTION NOTES** The story in today's key passage of Scripture is a tough one. Forgiveness is always a tough subject in this broken world of ours. But as Jesus addresses this issue, He was being tougher on the person who withheld forgiveness than the person who committed the offense. Why would Jesus do that? That's what we're going to look at in today's message. As we do, we need to ask and answer three specific questions. We'll answer the first one today and then we'll dive into the other two next week. **KEY POINTS** 1. Why Is Forgiveness So Difficult? God tells us to forgive, and so we go through the motions of acting like we forgive. We have a difficult time apologizing or receiving forgiveness. We have a tough time forgiving those who have wronged us. But why is that the case? I believe there are several reasons: - The pain factor - The trust factor - The fear factor

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### QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1.	Why do you think forgiveness is so difficult?
2.	What surprises you about the way Jesus talks about forgiveness?
3.	Who is someone you need to forgive or ask for forgiveness from?

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