

Building Bridges - 7

Building Bridges Over Offences

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I. WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA? *Matt. 18:15-38*

Relationships are the blood vessels of the Body of Christ. Everything we need flows through these relationships. Therefore, we must not allow these arteries to be clogged, or ruptured, through unforgiveness.

II. JESUS ON FORGIVENESS

A. Forgiveness is not optional. (v. 35)

B. We forgive because we have been forgiven. (v. 33)

C. Forgiveness is a lifestyle that should have not limits. (v. 21-22)

D. Forgiveness creates unity:

1. **Forgiveness is personal. (v. 15)**
2. **Forgiveness saves relationships. (v. 15)**
3. **Forgiveness allows the church to operate properly. (v.16-17)**
4. **Forgiveness allows us to participate in the eternal. (v. 18)**
5. **Unity promotes answered prayer. (v. 19)**
6. **Unity creates a place for God's presence. (v. 20)**