

06/25/23 Message

Part of Grace is Greater

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Message: Grace > Your Wounds

Series: Grace is Greater

Do you believe God's grace is enough? You need grace. I need grace. Grace fills a void in your life you just can't fill with anything else. It helps you get past your mistakes, it comforts your hurts, and it is always bigger than any of your circumstances. That's grace! But here's the deal... you can't get grace from Jesus unless you have a close, personal relationship with Him!

- Wounds make you run (away) from – grace makes you run TO!
Grace is greater than your wounds!
- Matthew 18
 - Our world would be a better place to live if we practiced it
 - Relationships would be healthier and stronger if we lived it
 - Christians would be connected and empowered if we did it
- Peter's question – Matthew 18:21 "how often should I forgive"
– Jesus' answer – v.22 "seventy times seven"

Jesus tells the parable of the unforgiving debtor (vv.21-35)

- There is NO WAY the debt can be repaid
 - But the man's debt was forgiven!
 - Yet he would not forgive another!
- When we FORGET grace – we forget God
 - Hebrews 4:13 (nothing is hidden from God)
 - We are ACCOUNTABLE to God

The angry king (v.34) had the man tortured and imprisoned

Summary:

The man was punished until his debt could be paid in full. His debt

could not be paid! He would be tortured forever!

Jesus sums it up...

Matthew 18:35 (NLT)

“That’s what my heavenly Father will do to you if you refuse to forgive your brothers and sisters from your heart.”

Matthew 6:14-15 (NLT)

“If you forgive those who sin against you, your heavenly Father will forgive you. But if you refuse to forgive others, your Father will not forgive your sins.”