



**April 16, 2023 | Pastor Keith Krell**  
**Matthew 18:21-35 | “Unlimited Forgiveness”**

**Scripture References**

Matthew 18:21–35  
Psalm 103:8–14  
Psalm 86:5–8  
Isaiah 38:17; 43:25  
Micah 7:18–20  
Colossians 3:12–13  
Luke 17:3–4

**Study Questions**

1. In your own words, define “forgiveness.” Why is it often so hard to forgive others? Can you identify the one person you are having difficulty forgiving?
2. How have you been guilty of keeping count of offenses against you (18:21)? What does it mean that, “[Love] keeps no record of wrongs” (1 Cor 13:5, NIV)? How can you practice *unlimited* forgiveness (18:22)?
3. In your own words, define “grace.” When have you been the recipient of extravagant grace from another person (18:23–27)? When have you extended such grace to someone else? How did each experience make you feel?
4. Why is it wrong for a Christian to say: “I’ll never forgive that offense or that person” (18:28–30)? How does God’s forgiveness of your sins help you forgive others? Who do you need to forgive right now?
5. How should the unrepentant, unforgiving believer be warned (18:31–35)? How should we interact with believers who refuse to forgive? How can we challenge them to trust in God’s providence and release their bitterness (Hebrews 12:15)?

**Recommended Reading**

Chris Brauns, *Unpacking Forgiveness: Biblical Answers for Complex Questions and Deep Wounds* (Crossway, 2008)  
Tim Keller, *Forgive: Why Should I and How Can I?* (Viking, 2022)  
Erwin W. Lutzer, *When You’ve Been Wronged: Moving from Bitterness to Forgiveness* (Moody, 2007)