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PRIORITIES FROM THE PARABLES

8 PERSISTENT PRAYERS

1. UNITY WILL BE OUR (MY) AIM 2. CARING WILL BE OUR (MY) FOCUS 3. GRATITUDE WILL BE OUR (MY) GOAL 4. PROTECTION WILL BE OUR (MY) PLEA 5. PERSEVERANCE WILL BE OUR (MY) CRY 6. SCRIPTURE WILL BE OUR (MY) REFUGE 7. REVIVAL WILL BE OUR (MY) HOPE 8. PRAYER WILL BE OUR (MY) WEAPON

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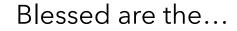
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THE BEST?

SERMON ON THE MOUNT

Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he opened his mouth and taught them saying...

MATTHEW 5:1-2



BIG ROCKS FIRST

"Seek first the kingdom of God"

1. HUMILITY THE POOR IN SPIRIT 2. TRUST THOSE WHO MOURN 3. SELF-CONTROL THE MEEK **4. OBEDIENCE** HUNGER FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS 5. COMPASSION THE MERCIFUL 6. PURITY THE PURE IN HEART 7. PEACEMAKING 8

Seventh Beatitude

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

Matthew 5:9

To be a peacemaker You must know the peace giver.



GOD THE FATHER

PROMISES PEACE

"I will listen to what the Lord says; He promises peace to His people, His faithful servants - but let them not turn to folly." Psalm 85:8

GUARDS WITH PEACE

"And the peace of God, which transcends understanding, will guard your hearts..." Phil. 4:7

BLESSES WITH PEACE

"The Lord gives strength to His people, He blesses them with peace." Psalm 29:11

STABILIZES WITH PEACE

"You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you." Isaiah 26:3

KNOWN BY PEACE

"For God is not a God of disorder, but of peace." 1 Cor. 14:33

GOD THE SON

OFFERS PEACE

"Peace I leave with you, I do not give as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled or be afraid." John 14:27

SPOKE PEACE

I have told you these things so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble, but take heart, I have overcome the world!" John 16:33

COMMANDED PEACE

"Peace be still." Mark 4:39

BROUGHT PEACE

"Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." Romans 5:1

Peacemaking is not Pretending wrong things are right.

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"Cast Alongside"

UNFORGIVING SERVANT



SEVEN TIMES?

Then Peter came up and said to him, "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?

SEVEN TIMES?

Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times."

Every time an offense occurs

forgive

every single time.

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WHEN I WILLINGLY RELEASE

1 The refusal to associate.

2 The desire to punish them.

3 The passion to expose them.*

4 The longing for their failure.

5 The reluctance to pray <u>for</u> them.

TRUE FORGIVENESS?

Willing & Active

RGIVEN

WHEN I ACTIVELY CHOOSE

1 To rebuild associations.

2 To remove sinful attitudes.

3 To refuse passion to expose.

4 To rejoice in their blessing.

5 To renew all prayers

WHAT IT IS NOT

1 APPROVAL OF THE TREATMENT **2** DISMISSAL OF THE WRONG **3 TRUST** OF THE OFFENDER **4** FORGETFUL OF THE OFFENSE **5** SUPPRESSION OF THE HURT

TRUE FORGIVENESS?

What IT IS vs What it is NOT

RGIVEN

WHAT IT IS

ERASING OF ALL RECORDS **2 HARBORING** OF NO RESENTMENT **3** RETURNING OF NO EVIL **4** OFFERING OF GRACE **5** TRUSTING OF GOD'S JUSTICE

FOUR PROMISES OF FORGIVENESS

I will not dwell on this incident.

I will not bring up this incident against you.

I will not talk to others about this incident.

I will not let this incident end our relationship.



SETTLE ACCOUNTS

Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants.

SETTLE ACCOUNTS

When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him TEN THOUSAND talents.

1 Talent = 6,000 denarii (16yrs wages)

SETTLE ACCOUNTS

And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made.

HAVE PATIENCE

So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.'

OUT OF PITY

And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt.

BEGAN TO CHOKE HIM

But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, began to choke him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.'

PAY WHAT YOU OWE

So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.'

HE REFUSED

He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt.

HE WHO HAD RECEIVED FREEDOM PLACED ANOTHER IN PRISON

GREATLY DISTRESSED

When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place.

HOW COULD ONE FORGIVEN SO MUCH REFUSE FORGIVENESS OF SO LITLE

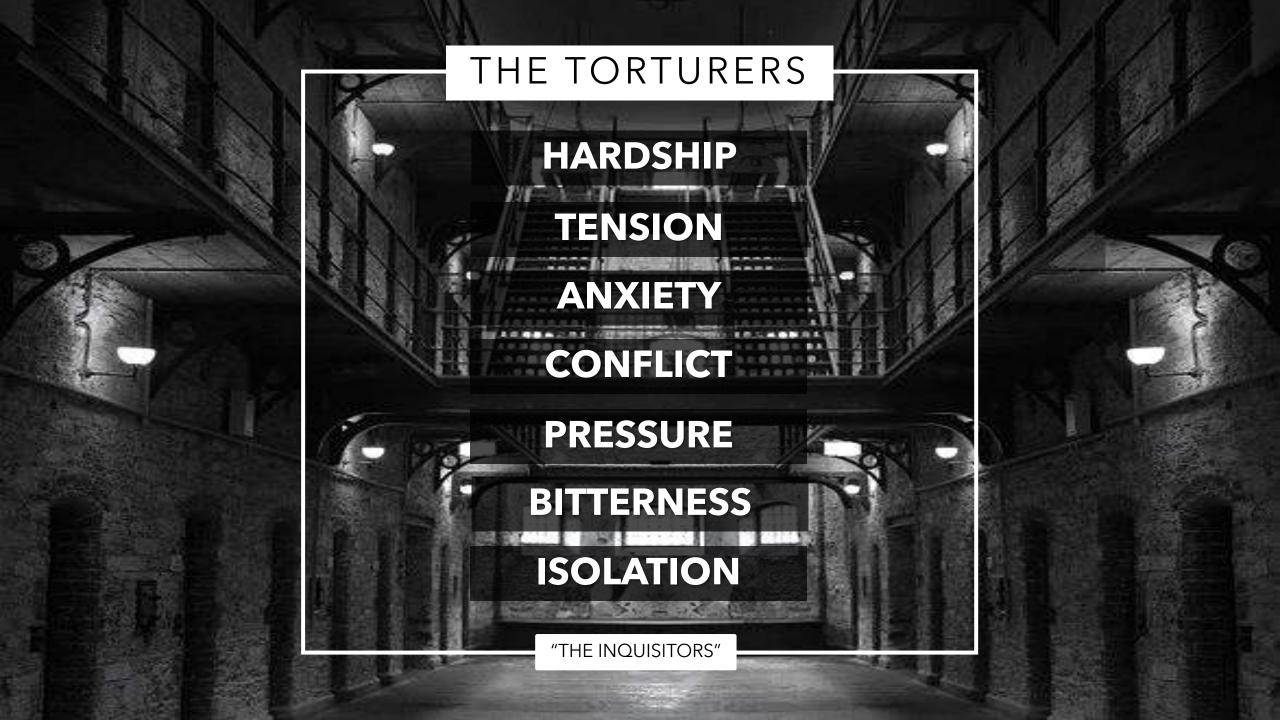
YOU WICKED SERVANT

Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. And should you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?

TO THE JAILERS

And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt.

THE TORTURERS "Inquisitors"



FORGIVENESS

So also my heavenly Father will do to everyone of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.

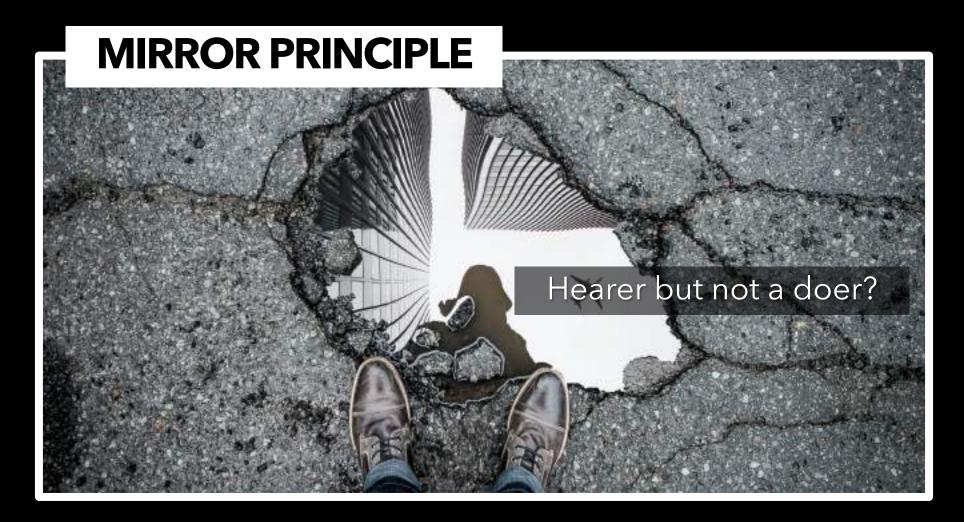
Forgiven people ought to FORGIVE PEOPLE

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Seventh Beatitude

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"...for he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like."

JAMES 1: 24

TRUE NORTH LIVING

AM I GOING TO A PERSON WHO

ROCKS THE BOAT

OR CALMS THE STORM?

"Don't let them drag you into their storm, pull them into your peace."

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PEACEMAKERS

TAKE INITIATIVE

"...Those who promote peace have joy." Prov. 12:20

ADDRESS TENSION

"They must turn from evil and do good, they must seek peace and pursue it." 1 Peter 3:11

EXTEND MERCY

"Peacemakers who sow peace reap a harvest of righteousness." James 3:8

KNOW PEACE

"But the fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace..." Gal. 5:22

OFFER FORGIVENESS

"As far as it is by you, live at peace with all men." Rom. 12:18

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PEACE BE STILL

HARDSHIP

TENSION

ANXIETY

CONFLICT

PRESSURE

BITTERNESS

ISOLATION

THE SEVEN WAVES THAT ROCK THE BOAT OF PEACE

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Blessed are the PEACEMAKERS

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7 WINDS THAT ROCK THE BOAT OF PEACE

1 HARDSHIP: Fear robs peace. "You can pray or you can panic."

2 TENSION: Division robs peace. "You can accept it or you can address it."

3 ANXIETY: Worry robs peace. "You can worry or you can worship."

4 CONFLICT: Hypocrisy robs peace. "You can confess or you can get caught."

5 PRESSURE: Stress robs peace. "You can impress or you can invest."

6 BITTERNESS: Bitterness robs peace. "You can get bitter or you can get better."

7 ISOLATION: Selfishness robs peace. "You can be humble or you can get humbled." You can pray or you can panic You can worry or you can worship You can accept it or you can address it

You can get bitter or you can get better

For the child of God peace is a choice.

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