

- c. and his trustworthy forgiveness
- 3. When that happens
  - a. We can let go of the sins others have committed against \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Because the worth of the sins we have committed against God and God forgave
  - c. Is far, far \_\_\_\_\_ than the sins that the people around us have committed against us
  - d. It is a small thing for us to forgive others when we realize what God has already forgiven us.

**Conclusion:** Becoming more trustworthy

- A. When our ultimate trust is in the trustworthy God who generously loves and forgives us,
  - 1. we become more trustworthy
  - 2. Because we no longer need to try to \_\_\_\_\_ our lives with our broken & misguided humanity
  - 3. Our \_\_\_\_\_ is directed by our all-wise, infinitely powerful and good God
- B. Holy Communion-An invitation to God's heavenly banquet
- C. Application: How does this message apply to your life?

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**Sermon Notes**  
**September 15, 2019 – Matthew 18:21-35**  
**Jesus Stories 7: Generous Love**

**Summary:** The pain we suffer when others sin against us means it is hard for us to forgive them, especially when forgiving them means we agree to pay the cost of their forgiveness. But it is easier for us to forgive others when we realize the worth of what God has already forgiven us.

**Intro:** Lending money to my cousin

- A. I \_\_\_\_\_ her to be trustworthy
- B. What if I began to believe that my cousin was \_\_\_\_\_?

I. **Jesus' Story of the Unforgiving Servant** (Mt. 18:21-35)

- A. The story comes in response to a question from Peter
  - 1. How often should I forgive someone?(v. 21)
  - 2. Seventy times seven equals an \_\_\_\_\_ number (v. 22)
- B. Jesus tells a story of a king settling accounts with his servants
  - 1. One servant owed \$8 \_\_\_\_\_
  - 2. This first servant was \_\_\_\_\_ & could not pay the loan
  - 3. The king was \_\_\_\_\_ and gave orders to do what was normal in that time in such cases

- a. The servant, his family & his possessions were supposed to be sold
  - b. And the money applied against his debt
- C. The first servant fell to his knees & \_\_\_\_\_,  
 “Please, be patient with me, and I will pay it all.” (v. 26)
- 1. The king had pity on the servant
    - a. And gave him \_\_\_\_\_ (not giving him what he deserved) by setting aside the punishment
    - b. And gave him \_\_\_\_\_ (giving him what he did not deserve) by forgiving the debt
    - c. By forgiving the debt, the king was agreeing to \_\_\_\_\_ the debt himself

**II. The Servant’s Response to being Forgiven (vv. 28-35)**

- A. The first servant went to a second servant who owed him \$16,000 & demanded \_\_\_\_\_
  - 1. The second servant fell to his knees & begged “Be patient with me, and I will pay it.” (v. 29)
  - 2. The first servant had the second servant thrown in \_\_\_\_\_ until he can pay the debt
- B. The king was \_\_\_\_\_
  - 1. He \_\_\_\_\_ the forgiveness of the debt
  - 2. He threw the first servant in \_\_\_\_\_ until the debt was paid

**III. Application: What does Jesus’ story mean for us?**

- A. You and I are the first servant
  - 1. Our sinful old nature and the innumerable sinful actions that have arisen out of it
  - 2. Have caused offenses of incalculable \_\_\_\_\_ against our infinitely holy and pure God
- B. But God gave us mercy and grace by paying our debt himself
  - 1. God the Father sent his Son, \_\_\_\_\_, into the world to become one of us
  - 2. Fully human in every way, Jesus was able to take our place on the cross & suffer the \_\_\_\_\_ we deserve
  - 3. Fully divine in every way, Jesus’ suffering on the cross was of \_\_\_\_\_ worth
  - 4. More than enough to pay the full cost of forgiveness for all sins for all people for all time
- C. But will we receive that forgiveness?
  - 1. It starts by \_\_\_\_\_ our untrustworthiness
  - 2. And then transferring our ultimate \_\_\_\_\_
    - a. from our untrustworthy self
    - b. to our trustworthy God