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MESSAGE SHEET
Series: Grace Isn't Cheap
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You Are Forgiven

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THE PASSAGE

Matthew 18:21–35. Peter asks how often he must forgive — seven times? Jesus answers, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times,” and tells of a servant forgiven a debt he could never repay, who then throws a fellow servant into prison over a small one.

THREE TAKEAWAYS

1. You don’t quit forgiving. The point of “seventy times seven” is that we keep on forgiving.
2. The forgiveness you have received is the same forgiveness all of us have received. It is unconditional grace. You are forgiven.
3. Forgiveness and gratitude go together. When we really believe we are forgiven, nobody has to tell us how to treat the next person we meet.

THREE QUESTIONS FOR THE TABLE

1. Is there guilt or shame you are still carrying that God has already forgiven?
2. Who “owes you twenty bucks”? What would mercy look like toward that person?
3. How could gratitude for being forgiven change the way you help someone this week?