

PHILADELPHIA CHURCH

THE NEED OF FORGIVENESS

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MATTHEW 18:21-35

Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, “Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?” 22 Jesus answered, “I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times. 23 “Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. 24 As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold was brought to him. 25 Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt. 26 “At this the servant fell on his knees before him. ‘Be patient with me,’ he begged, ‘and I will pay back everything.’ 27 The servant’s master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go. 28 “But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins. He grabbed him and began to choke him. ‘Pay back what you owe me!’ he demanded.

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29 “His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.’ 30 “But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. 31 When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened. 32 “Then the master called the servant in. ‘You wicked servant,’ he said, ‘I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. 33 Shouldn’t you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?’ 34 In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed. 35 “This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

WHAT DOES UNFORGIVENESS DO?

- Ruins are relationships
- Steals our joy
- Keeps us focused on the past
- Weakens us to live in the present

1 COR 13:4-5

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. 5 It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.



QUOTE

“There is no love without forgiveness, and there is no forgiveness without Love.”- BHM

ISAIAH 43:25

“I, even I, am he who blots out your transgressions, for my own sake, and remembers your sins no more.



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MATTHEW 6:14-15

For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. 15 But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.

MARK 11:25

And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive them, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins.”

CONSEQUENCES OF UNFORGIVENESS

- Makes us bitter
- Hurts our faith
- Harms our health
- Ruins our relationships

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE FORGIVE?

- It reminds us of our own need a forgiveness
 - Matthew 6:14-15: 14 For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. 15 But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.
- We have empathy for others and let go of pettiness
 - Philippians 2:3-4:3 Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, 4 not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.



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- We can live in Freedom

- Psalm 32:1-4:1 Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.2 Blessed is the one whose sin the Lord does not count against them and in whose spirit is no deceit. 3 When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. 4 For day and night your hand was heavy on me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer.

QUOTE

“Forgiveness is a lovely idea, until there is something to forgive.”-

CS Lewis

R.T. KENDALL

This is a book that should be read around the world!

—Dr. D. James Kennedy, Senior Minister, Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church

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TOTAL FORGIVENESS

INCLUDES NEW TESTIMONIES OF CHANGED LIVES



WHEN EVERYTHING IN YOU WANTS TO
HOLD A GRUDGE, POINT A FINGER,
AND REMEMBER THE PAIN—
GOD WANTS YOU TO LAY IT ALL ASIDE

ROMANS 8:1

Therefore, there is now no
condemnation for those who are
in Christ Jesus