

**SERIES: ABUNDANT LIFE: INTENTIONAL LIVING AND
ELEVATED THINKING** (John 10:10)

MESSAGE: Forgiveness: Living a Life of Liberty

TEXT: Mat. 18:21–35; Col. 3:12–13; Mat. 6:12, 14

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I. My need to be forgiven.

- A. All of us have sinned. (Rom. 3:23; 1 John 1:8)
- B. Sin brings spiritual destruction. (Rom. 6:23)
- C. Sin separates us from God. (Is. 59:2)
- D. I cannot earn forgiveness. (Rom. 3:20; Eph. 2:8–9)

II. God's provision for my forgiveness.

- A. Only God can forgive sin. (Is. 43:25)
- B. Forgiveness is in Jesus alone. (Heb. 9:22; Mat. 26:28; 2 Cor. 5:21)
- C. Forgiveness must be accepted. (Rom. 6:23)

III. My need to be forgiven by others. (Mat. 5:23–24)

- A. Stop
- B. Go
- C. Reconcile
- D. Return

IV. My need to forgive others. (Mat. 18:21; Eph. 4:32; Mark 11:25)

- A. Acknowledge the hurt.
- B. Evaluate your life.
- C. Focus on Christ's forgiveness.
- D. Release the offense.
- E. Refuse to become bitter.
- F. Leave room for God.