

Sunday, August 25, 2024
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“Uncommon Forgiveness”

Matthew 18:21-35

Today's BIG IDEA:

Because Jesus has freely forgiven us, we should freely forgive others.

1. A _____ regarding forgiveness (v.21)

2. A _____ regarding forgiveness (v.22)

3. A _____ regarding forgiveness (v.23-35)

4. Some **PRINCIPLES** regarding forgiveness (v.23-35)

A. We have been shown _____ forgiveness by
God's grace (v.23-27)
(Romans 3:23; 6:23; 5:8; Colossians 2:13-14; 1 John 1:9)

B. We are called to _____ Christ's forgiveness
toward others (v.28-33)
(Colossians 3:13)

- How can we receive Christ's forgiveness with one hand while withholding it from others with our other hand?

C. When we don't forgive, it always ends in _____ (v.34)

- Bitterness is like drinking poison and waiting on someone else to die.

D. A lack of forgiveness might mean a lack of
_____ (v.35)
(Matthew 6:14-15)

5. Some **PRACTICES** regarding forgiveness

A. Forgive _____
(Ephesians 4:32)

B. Forgive _____
(Ephesians 4:26-27)

C. Forgive _____
(2 Corinthians 5:18-19)

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D. Forgive _____

(Luke 17:3-4)

- *When you're tempted to keep count of how many times you have to forgive someone, remember how many times God has forgiven you.*

E. Forgive _____

(Romans 12:18)

- *"Forgiveness releases our need for retaliation, not our need for boundaries." – Lysa Terkeurst, Forgive What You Can't Forget*

APPLICATION QUESTIONS:

1. What hinders you from freely forgiving others? How can you overcome your barriers to forgiveness?
2. How have you seen unforgiveness lead to pain?
3. Should we forgive someone who is not repentant? Does uncommon forgiveness mean unconditional forgiveness?