CONNECTING WITH GOD THE LORD'S PRAYER

Part 5: "The Prayer of Release"

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"As we forgive those who trespass against us."

The Lord's Prayer continues, "as we forgive those who trespass against us." Why must we release those who have hurt us? As we consider the story of the unforgiving servant in Matthew 18, we will find out.

" as we forgive our debtors ."

– Matthew 6:12b (KJV)

"Peter came to Jesus and asked, 'Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother when he sins against me? Up to seven times?'" Matthew 18:21

"Jesus answered, '...not seven times, but 77 times!" Matthew 18:22

"by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross." - Colossians 2:14 (ESV)

Notes:

My Next Step(s):

- o I will ask God to show me who I am failing to forgive.
- o I will pray for God to give me the strength to forgive someone who has hurt me.
- o I will not harbor resentment against someone whom I have forgiven.
- o I will forgive those who have wronged me; where possible I will speak forgiveness.
- o I will "nail" those sins to the cross of Jesus Christ and receive His healing.

Memory Verse: "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you." – Ephesians 4:32

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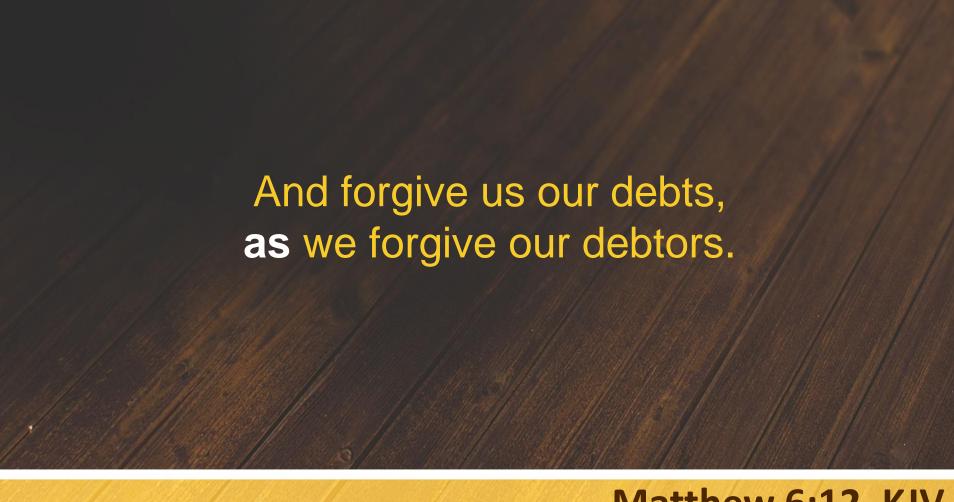
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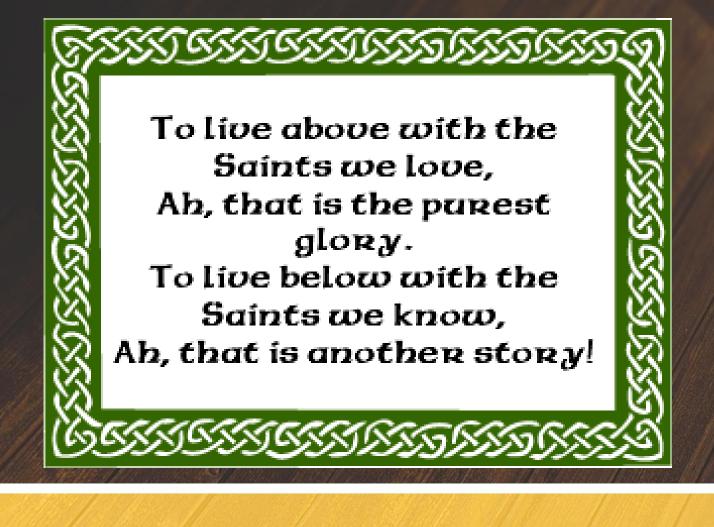
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"Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents."

"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."

"At this the servant fell on his knees before him. 'Be patient with me,' he begged, 'and I will pay back everything."" "And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt."





"The servant's master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go."

"But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.' So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you."

"But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt."

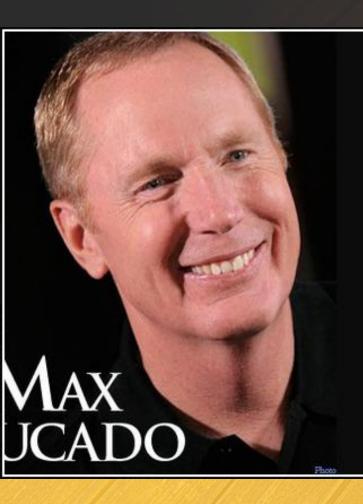
When I feel unforgiven, I am unforgiving.

Jesus wants our forgiveness to flow from His forgiveness.

"Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven—as her great love has shown. But whoever has been forgiven little loves little.

"Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you."





Refusing to forgive is like ingesting a lethal dose of poison and hoping it kills my enemy.

— Max Lucado —

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In fact, not forgiving is like drinking rat poison and then waiting for the rat to die.

— Anne Lamott —

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"Then the master called the servant in. 'You wicked servant,' he said, 'I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?' In anger his master turned him over to the jailers to be tortured..."



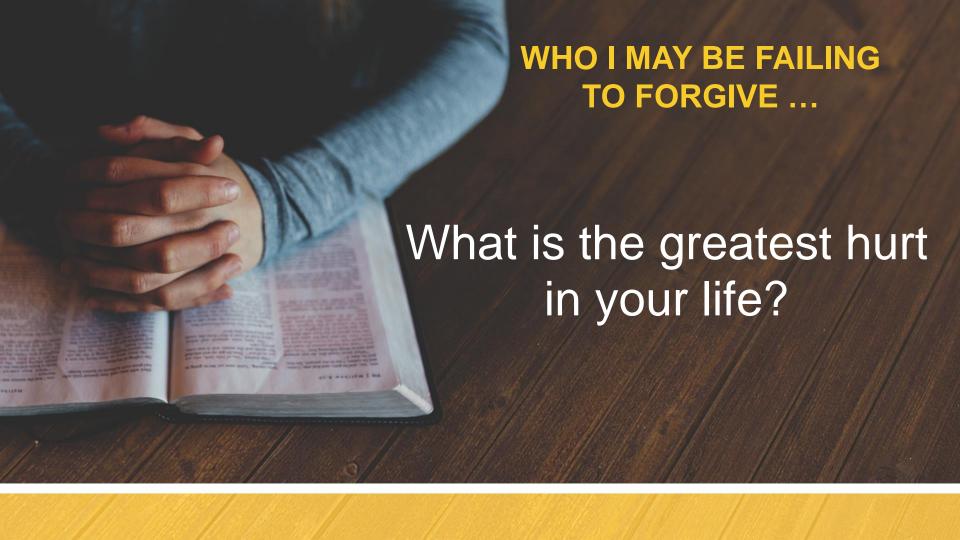
"This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother from your heart."

Forgiving others is not a condition of God forgiving us ...

It's an *indication* that we know how much He's forgiven us.















Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord.

Forgiveness is instantaneous, But trust must be rebuilt over time.



See to it that no one falls short of the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many.

Grace is the only thing that allows you to rise above the brokenness, the hurt, the pain and the debt.

"He himself bore our sins" in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; "by his wounds you have been healed."

Only Grace and Forgiveness bring healing.



"For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin"

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