

**The Miracle Of Mercy: 2 of 8**  
**“Mercy Forgives”**  
**Cornerstone Church of Poway**  
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**Big Idea:** To Value God’s Mercy, I Must Understand The Cost Of The Cross

“God made Him who had no sin to be **sin** for us, so that in Him we might become the **righteousness** of God.” **2 Corinthians 5:21 (NIV)**

“But when you are praying, **first forgive** anyone you are holding a grudge against, so that your Father in heaven will **forgive your sins**, too.” **Mark 11:25 (NLT2)**

***Why Should I Forgive?***

**1. Because Unforgiveness Corrupts \_\_\_\_\_ And Keeps \_\_\_\_\_**

“Look after each other so that none of you fails to receive the grace of God. Watch out that no poisonous root of **bitterness** grows up to trouble you, **corrupting many.**” **Hebrews 12:15 (NLT2)**

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**2. Because I Have Been Forgiven \_\_\_\_\_ Than I Could \_\_\_\_\_**

“Then Peter came and said to Him, “Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me and I forgive him? Up to seven times?” Jesus \*said to him, “I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven.” **Matthew 18:21-22 (NASB)**

“Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. As he began the settlement, a man who owed him **ten thousand talents** was brought to him. 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.** “The servant fell on his knees before him. **‘Be patient with me,’** he begged, **‘and I will pay back everything.’** The servant’s master took pity on him, **canceled** the debt and let him go.” **Matthew 18:23-27 (NIV)**

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“But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a **hundred denarii.** He grabbed him and began to choke him. ‘Pay back what you owe me!’ he demanded. “His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, **‘Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.’** “But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man **thrown into prison** until he could pay the debt. When the other servants **saw** what had happened, they were greatly distressed and went and told their master everything that had happened.” **Matthew 18:28-31 (NIV)**

"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, until he should pay back all he owed. "This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother from your heart."

**Matthew 18:32-35 (NIV)**

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### ***How Do I Forgive?***

#### **1. Release Those Who Have Hurt Me Into \_\_\_\_\_**

"Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everybody. **If it is possible**, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. Do not take revenge, my friends, but **leave room** for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord." **Romans 12:17-19 (NIV)**

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#### **2. Be \_\_\_\_\_ And Practice \_\_\_\_\_**

"But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid, for am I in God's place? "As for you, you meant evil against me, *but* God meant it for good in order to bring about this present result, to preserve many people alive. "So therefore, do not be afraid; I will provide for you and your little ones." So he comforted them and spoke kindly to them." **Genesis 50:19-21 (NASB)**

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#### **3. Remember All Our Sins \_\_\_\_\_**

"Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others." **Colossians 3:13 (NLT2)**

"You were **dead** because of your sins and because your sinful nature was not yet cut away. Then God made you **alive** with Christ, for **He forgave all our sins**. He **canceled** the record of the charges against us and took it away by **nailing** it to the cross." **Colossians 2:13-14 (NLT2) Remember Verse**

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➤ **What debt am I holding against someone?**

#### **My next right step I will choose to:**

- [ ] Release those who have hurt me into God's hands
- [ ] Meditate on how much I've been forgiven
- [ ] Practice kindness
- [ ] Accept Jesus as my Lord and Savior

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[This is only a guide – select the points you want to discuss.]

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**Family Corner:** [Choose one day this week to ask questions to go deeper in faith as a family. Try this over dinner. Keep it to 12 minutes or less.]

- What is your favorite thing to do when you come home after school?
  - If you had \$20 to spend on what ever you want, what would you buy?
  - **Read Matthew 18:23-35**
  - What would you do to celebrate if all your debts were suddenly cancelled?
  - **Read Colossians 3:13**
  - What motivation do we have to forgive people who have hurt us?
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**Icebreaker:** What is one of the worst things my brother or sister ever did to me?  
 How long did it take me to forgive them?

***Why Should I Forgive?***

**1. Because Unforgiveness Corrupts Many And Keeps Me From Grace**

**Read Hebrews 12:15**

Is there any bitterness taking root in my life?

What is the warning in this verse?

**2. Because I Have Been Forgiven More Than I Could Ever Repay**

**Read Matthew 18:21-22**

Do I tend to be quick or slow to forgive?

In Jesus’ day, offenders were to be forgiven up to three times in a day and the fourth need not be forgiven. What does Jesus say?

**Read Matthew 18:23-27**

**Read Life Application Bible Commentary** - Probably the man first brought before the king was a tax collector who gathered revenue for the king from a certain province. The huge sums of money that passed through his hands might have provided a temptation to borrow or even embezzle. So this man, when called upon, found himself in debt for a huge sum of money. *Ten thousand talents* was an astronomical sum; King David had donated that much for the building of God's temple ([1 Chronicles 29:4](#)), and Haman had offered the king of Persia that much to help in destroying the Jews ([Esther 3:9](#)). In today's currency, the servant owed his master about 20 million dollars.

What would I do to celebrate if all my debts were suddenly cancelled?

## **Read Matthew 18:28-35**

### **Read Life Application Bible Commentary**

*The second servant owed him a hundred denarii, amounting to about twenty dollars. He grabbed him and began to choke him, demanding the repayment. Twenty dollars would still be a somewhat significant amount, for it represented about a hundred days' wages for a common laborer. But compared to the millions, it was extremely small. This second servant echoed the request of the first servant. He also *fell to his knees and begged* for patience and time. He did not request cancellation of the debt; instead, he promised to repay it. The only difference between these two scenarios was that this second servant's request was not impossible. He *would* be able to repay his debt given a little bit of time.*

Which character in this parable can I most relate to? Why?

### ***How Do I Forgive?***

#### **1. Release Those Who Have Hurt Me Into God's Hands**

##### **Read Romans 12:17-19 (NIV)**

Why does "getting even" make things worse instead of better?

How does the wording, "as far as it depends on you" help me in conflict resolving?

How well do I do at leaving room for God to work? Why?

#### **2. Be Honest And Practice Kindness**

##### **Read Genesis 50:19-21**

Why is it important to be honest before I forgive?

How can applying kindness and compassion help me to forgive?

#### **3. Remember All Our Sins Require The Cross**

##### **Read Colossians 3:13**

How patient and forgiving has God been with me?

##### **Colossians 2:13-14 (NLT2) Remember Verse**

How can, remembering all of my sins and those who have offended me require the cross, help me?

**Prayer:**

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