

September 6, 2020  
**“How Do We Forgive?”**  
**(Matthew 18:21-35)**

Sometimes it’s hard to \_\_\_\_\_ a brother or sister, someone \_\_\_\_\_ to you, isn’t it?

In today’s lesson, Peter wanted to know exactly what the Master \_\_\_\_\_ out of him when it came to \_\_\_\_\_.

For many Christians, forgiveness of people who have \_\_\_\_\_ them is the biggest obstacle to their \_\_\_\_\_. Emotional and \_\_\_\_\_ wellbeing.

Refusal to forgive one who has hurt us can have devastating effects not only on them, but also on \_\_\_\_\_.

How do we let go of the pain, the resentment, the sense of betrayal?

**#1.- By \_\_\_\_\_ that we ourselves have been \_\_\_\_\_.**

We have been forgiven, and thus we are able to \_\_\_\_\_ others.

**Dwight L. Moody:** *“I can imagine Jesus saying, ‘Go search out the man who put the crown of thorns on my brow; tell him I will have a crown for him in my kingdom if he will accept salvation; and there shall not be a thorn in it. Find the man who smote the reed on my head, driving the thorns deeper into my brow. Tell him I want to give him a scepter. Go seek out that poor soldier who drove the spear into my side; tell him that there is a nearer way to my heart than that!’”*

**#2. – We need to recognize that forgiveness is the most powerful \_\_\_\_\_ we have to the activity of \_\_\_\_\_ in our own lives.**

Forgiveness is tough \_\_\_\_\_.

It may be the most difficult \_\_\_\_\_ of our faith.

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**#3. – Forgiveness is a positive \_\_\_\_\_ necessary to the \_\_\_\_\_ and wholeness of our own hearts.**

When we do not forgive, two people \_\_\_\_\_ - the one we can’t forgive and we ourselves.

Forgiveness is not only something we \_\_\_\_\_ for the person who hurt us; it is something we do for \_\_\_\_\_.

Forgiveness of \_\_\_\_\_ is the \_\_\_\_\_ thing we can do for ourselves!

**Is there someone you need to forgive?**

God has forgiven each of us for every soiled thought, act, and deed of which we are capable.

Can we not forgive one another?

3 times? ... 7 times? ... even 70 times?