

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?