September 6, 2020 <u>"How Do We Forgive?"</u> (Matthew 18:21-35)

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

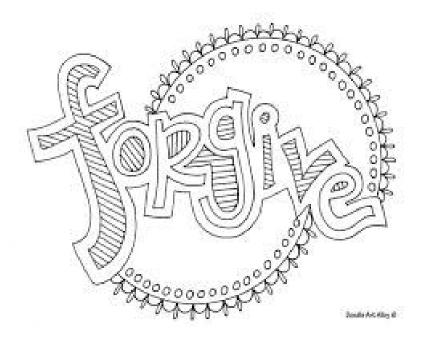
In today's lesson, Peter wanted to know exactly what the Master \_\_\_\_\_\_ out of him when it came to \_\_\_\_\_\_.

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 \_\_\_\_\_.

Word List

closeexpectedforgiveforgivenesshurtmentalourselvesspiritual



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.

Word List business grace Witness

forgive Recognizing

Forgiven requirement



"Help me to forgive others as you have forgiven me."

#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!

Word List activity do suffer

another Healing best 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?



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