

Forgiveness

Matthew 18:21

Freedom

- a king who wanted to settle accounts
- a man who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him
 - he was not able to pay

Freedom

- The servant fell on his knees before him...begged
 - be patient with me
 - I will repay everything...

Freedom

- The King
 - canceled the debt
 - let him go

Freedom

- Forgiveness
 - pardoning an offender
- releasing someone from an obligation or consequence
- canceling a “debt”

Freedom

- In forgiveness, we do not demand to be paid back for a wrong.
- We make an active choice to let our brother go free.

Unforgiveness

- The Servant
 - found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii

Unforgiveness

- The Servant
 - grabbed his fellow servant
 - choked him
 - demanded payment
 - had the man thrown in prison

Unforgiveness

- You wicked servant
 - I canceled all that debt of yours
 - Shouldn't you have had mercy...just as I had mercy on you?
- In anger his master turned him over to the jailers...

Unforgiveness

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

Unforgiveness

- For if you forgive men when they sin against you,
 - your heavenly Father will also forgive you.
 - But if you do not...
 - your Father will not forgive your sins.

- Mt. 6:14-15

Unforgiveness

- Those who refuse to forgive are in danger of judgment.

Unforgiveness

- If you forgive anyone...I have forgiven in the sight of Christ for your sake,
 - in order that Satan might not outwit us.
 - For we are not unaware of his schemes.

- 2 Cor. 2:10-11

Unforgiveness

- The enemy will exploit unforgiveness to destroy God's people.

Sincerity

- unless you forgive your brother from your heart.

Sincerity

- Forgiveness must be genuine and heart-felt.

Sincerity

- Ephesians 4:31-32
 - Get rid of all
 - bitterness,
 - rage and anger,
 - brawling and slander,
 - along with every form of malice.

Sincerity

- Ephesians 4:31-32
 - Be kind and compassionate to one another,
 - forgiving each other,
 - just as in Christ
 - God forgave you.

Forgiveness

- Let go of all bitterness and anger.
- Actively choose to let your brother go free.