

# Forgiveness

Matthew 18:21

## Forgiveness

- We do not demand to be paid back for a wrong.
- We make an active choice to let the person go free.

## Compassion

- The King
  - ordered the he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt.

## Compassion

- The King
  - The servant fell on his knees
    - begged
      - Be patient with me,
      - and I will pay back everything

## Compassion

- The King
  - took pity on him
  - “compassion”

## Compassion

- The Servant
  - His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged
    - Be patient with me,
    - and I will pay you back.

## Compassion

- The Servant
  - But he refused
    - “was not willing”
- had the man thrown in prison until he could pay

## Compassion

- When we are wronged, it is easy to become callous and hard-hearted.
- We need to remain open and tender-hearted, ready to forgive.

## Generosity

- Two debts
  - ten thousand talents
    - “zillions”
  - a hundred denarii
    - 100 days wages

## Generosity

- The king gave up an unfathomable amount of money.
- The servant was unwilling to give up anything.

## Generosity

- Peter came to Jesus asked,
  - How many times shall my brother sin against me and I forgive him?
- Up to seven times?

## Generosity

- I tell you
  - not seven times
    - but seventy-seven times

## Generosity

- Forgiveness requires the abundant bestowal of grace and mercy.

## Gratitude

- Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?

## Gratitude

- Colossians 3:12-13
  - Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and loved
  - clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience

## Gratitude

- Colossians 3:12-13
  - Bear with each other
    - and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another.
  - Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

## Forgiveness

- Compassion
- Generosity
- Gratitude

## Forgiveness

- When you are wronged, actively choose to demonstrate the lavish grace and mercy of God.
- Forgive as God forgave you.