

Today's Theme:

“Let It Go”

The Struggle To Forgive & The Good News When You Do

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Series: “Parables” Part 9

“But when you are praying, first forgive anyone you are holding a grudge against, so that your Father in heaven will forgive your sins, too.” Mark 11:25

Jesus Views His Followers As His Children But With Grown-Up Responsibilities Matt 18:21-35

1. The Biggest “Kid” in the Bunch Gives Us His Best Shot On The Issue Of _____.

Matt. 18:21

- _____ times is twice the Rabbi Maximum!

1). But Jesus Says... 7 Times Is _____!!

Matt. 18:22; Rom.5:20; Eph.4:32

- Jesus _____ the world with His answer!
- God's kind of forgiveness... has _____!

How Can That Happen For Us?

Jesus Uses A Very _____ Parable About Forgiveness To Get Us There!

Matt.18:23-35

How Do You Let Things Go?

1. _____ Is a Big Deal- A _____ Big Deal!

Matt.6:9-14; Luke 6:37-38; Eph.4:30-32

- A big part of the _____ of a Jesus Follower!
- Lord's Prayer- _____ forgiveness for us!

What Forgiving Is Not...

1. It's Not _____.

Gen.8:1; Jer. 31:34; Psa. 103:11-12; Isa. 38:17

- God doesn't _____ - He changes His focus!
- So, we refocus our _____ - a choice we make!
- Not godly to let ourselves get _____ again!

2. It Not Removing All _____ . 2Sam.12:13-14

3. It's Not _____ Again. Prov.14:15

- When trust gets damaged it must be _____ back!
- Relationships are _____ - handle w/ care!

What Forgiveness Is...

1. It's Refusing To Seek My Own _____.

- Follow Jesus' _____ -put this in God's hands!

2. It's Refusing To Be _____ By The Past.

- Eph. 4:30-32-Forgiving is not _____ for JF's!
- Prov.19:11- excessive _____ hurts you!

3. Giving _____ What God's Already Given To Me.

- Col. 3:13- He's forgiven my _____ offenses!
- Matt.18:35-Time to forgive those who _____ you!

Practical Tips on Forgiveness

1. Use often the prayer of _____.

2. Stop keeping _____! 3. Get a good _____!