

Sermon Notes

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“How Many Times?”

Matthew 18:21-35

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“How many times shall I forgive my brother who sins against me?” (verse 21) If you hadn’t heard Jesus’ response, how would you naturally answer Peter’s question? How easy or difficult do you find it to forgive those who hurt you?

Put into your own words the main point of Jesus’ story in verses 23-34. (Key in on verses 32-33, recognizing the first servant was forgiven a debt 600,000 times greater than what he was owed.)

- Listen to Bill’s comments or consult a commentary about the thorny issues raised in verses 34-35.

Do you believe the claim of the New Testament that, because of who Jesus is and what he has done in dying and rising again, when a person trusts him their sins are forgiven? Some passages that proclaim and reinforce this:

Psalm 32:3-5 • John 8:1-11 • Colossians 2:13-14
Psalm 103:8-14 • Romans 5:6-8 • 1 Timothy 1:15