



Sharing God's Love

The Story of the Unforgiving Servant

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Text: Matthew 18:21-35

Introduction: The text we will study in this lesson is one of the most famous in the entire Bible. Jesus taught His disciples often about forgiveness. He was also a very forgiving person, just look at His death. This parable is very memorable story, sad but influential. Lets study this parable together

Discussion:

I. RECAP OF THE STORY

- A. The dialogue between Peter and Jesus.
- B. Rather than explain His teachings on forgiveness, Jesus tells this parable.
- C. Jesus made sure that they understood the story.

II. THE MEANING OF THE STORY

- A. The King
- B. The First Servant (who owed 60 million denarii)
- C. The Second Servant (who owed 100 denarii)
- D. The Result

III. THE APPLICATION OF THE STORY

- A. We serve a loving and gracious God.
- B. The point of this parable is if we do not forgive we will not be forgiven.
- C. This story seems a little harsh!
- D. Jesus makes it a point to say that forgiveness comes from the heart.
- E. We have to be thankful for all that God has given us.

Conclusion: When we learn to appreciate the love and forgiveness of God we will be compelled to share it with others. What would happen if we made it our mission to take this story to the world? We need to remember the goodness of God and remind ourselves of the danger of forgetting about it.

WORD OF THE DAY = **“Love”**