

Forgiveness has the power to heal wounds and restore relationships. The problem is that forgiveness is not easy. However, without the practice of forgiveness, the restoration of a family cannot be expected. More importantly, unless we practice forgiveness, we cannot be disciples of Jesus.

Today's parable is about a servant who owed ten thousand talents to a king and was forgiven. Yet, that same servant imprisoned someone who owed him a hundred denarii. The king became furious.

This passage begins with Peter's question in verse 21: "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?" And Jesus replies in verse 22, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times."

Given this background, we can see that the core message of this parable is forgiveness. Simply put, those who are forgiven must also forgive. Especially those who have been forgiven by God must forgive the faults of others.

Therefore, before we forgive, we must reflect on the grace of forgiveness we have received from God. We have committed great sins, and Jesus paid the great price. To believe in Jesus is to receive this immense forgiveness.

Why did Jesus forgive us? The text says that the master had compassion on the servant. The Greek word *splagchnizomai* conveys a deep, gut-wrenching feeling of mercy. We must not let the wellspring of compassion run dry. Forgiveness means forgetting, and even going as far as to bless the one who wronged us. Above all, we must trust in God's providence.

Because forgiveness is not something we can do by our own strength—but only by God's grace and power—Jesus taught us to pray in the Lord's Prayer.

May we all remember the great grace of the Lord that has come to us and experience the beautiful work of forgiving others.

**Bible
Memorization**

A VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

“For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.” (Matthew 6:14)

**Bible
Reading**

6/16(Mon)	6/17(Tue)	6/18(Wed)	6/19(Thur)	6/20(Fri)	6/21(Sat)	6/22(Sun)
Esther 8-10, Job 1	Job 2-6	Job 6-11	Job 12-16	Job 17-21	Job 22-27	Job 28-31

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Quiet Time Passage

6/16(Mon)	6/17(Tue)	6/18(Wed)	6/19(Thur)	6/20(Fri)	6/21(Sat)	6/22(Sun)
Psalms 75:1-10	Psalms 76:1-12	Psalms 77:1-9	Psalms 77:10-20	Psalms 78:1-8	Psalms 78:9-31	Psalms 78:32-39

**Sharing
Questions**

1. Share any grace you experienced in your life through last week’s sermon or your weekly devotion.

2. Share any new insights or blessings you received from today’s message.

3. Reflect on and share how you understand God’s grace of forgiveness, and talk about areas in your life where forgiveness is needed. Then pray for one another.