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GRACE IS GREATER THAN YOUR WOUNDS (FORGIVENESS)
Matthew 18:21-35

Forgiveness. Matt. 18:21-35

- **Limited.** Matt. 18:21; Luke 17:3; Job 33:28; Amos 1:3, 6, 9, 11
- **Unlimited.** Matt. 18:21-22; Luke 17:4; Deut. 9:23-29; Ex. 32:11-14, 32; Judg. 2:11-23; Ps. 78:10-11, 40-42, 56-57; John 3, 4, 8; Luke 7:48; 19:8-10; 23:34-43
- Our **forgiveness** of others (why?). Matt. 18:22; Rom. 3:23; 2 Cor. 5:17; 2 Pet. 1:4; Matt. 5:3; Rom. 8:29; Jer. 50:20; 31:34; Is. 43:25; 44:24; Ps. 103:12

Example of forgiveness. Matt. 18:23-30

- Forgiving **spirit** (God). Matt. 18:23-27; John 3:16; 1 John 3:17; Luke 7:42; Eph. 4:32; Col. 3:13; Matt. 4:11; Acts 3:19; Luke 17:4
- **Unforgiving** spirit (slave). Matt. 18:28-35; Eph. 4:32; Matt. 18:15; Luke 17:3
 - If he makes it **right** then I will forgive (restoration). Matt. 18:28
 - I will **hurt** you because you hurt me (revenge). Matt. 18:30
 - I will become more and more **bitter**. 1 Sam. 18:29; 19:10; 20:33

Living with the results of an unforgiving spirit. Matt. 18:31-35

- The effects upon **others**. Matt. 18:18-31
- God will **discipline** us. Heb. 12:4-11; Matt. 18:31-35
- We will miss out on **God's** blessings and prayers not answered. Matt. 18:32-35; Ps. 66:18; Prov. 28:13