

# Forgiveness for Every Woman and Man It's an Absolute Essential

## Matthew 18:21-35

**The act of forgiving is \_\_\_\_\_.**

- Seventy times seven? Really?
- It was hard for God, too
- It demands that you sacrificially give yourself in part or in whole to the one who sinned against you

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**Matthew 6:12** (ESV)

And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

**Matthew 6:14-15** (ESV)

For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, <sup>15</sup>but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

**Matthew 18:32-35**

<sup>32</sup>Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. <sup>33</sup>And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' <sup>34</sup>And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. <sup>35</sup>So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

**The act of forgiving \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Psalms 103:8, 11-13** (ESV)

<sup>8</sup>The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. <sup>11</sup>For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; <sup>12</sup>as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. <sup>13</sup>As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.

**Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)**

*Chris Tomlin*

*My chains are gone, I've been set free; My God, My Savior, has ransomed me  
And like a flood His mercy reigns Unending Love, Amazing Grace.*

**Blanks:**            *difficult; essential; gives relief*

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