



Scripture for Sunday, September 13: Matthew 18:21-35

Forgiveness

Then Peter came and said to him, “Lord, if my brother or sister sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” ²² Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant

²³ “For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴ When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him, ²⁵ and, as he could not pay, the lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions and payment to be made. ²⁶ So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ ²⁷ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸ But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him by the throat he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ ²⁹ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ ³⁰ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. ³¹ When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³² Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³ Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ ³⁴ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. ³⁵ So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

Questions to Consider:

Where did you see God at work in your life this past week?

After reading the scripture:

What is the main idea?

What stands out to you?

What might God/Jesus be teaching us?

What might we understand or believe about God?

How can we apply the biblical truth in our daily life?

How does this scripture spark insight, hope, or action for the coming days?

Other questions:

How have you given **forgiveness** or experienced forgiveness in recent weeks?

How/When have you experienced or been most **aware of God's presence** this week (or recently)?

How are you **growing deeper** in your faith?

What is helping grow your faith? (related to above) Is anything hindering your growth in faith?

What have been **learning or noticing** from scripture, sermons, teachings (etc) recently?