

# LIFE LESSONS from the PARABLES

*“Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, ‘Lord, how many times must I forgive my brother when he sins against me. Up to seven times?’” – Matthew 18:21*

*“No, would you believe not seven times, but seventy-seven times.” – Matthew 18:22*

*“The servant fell on his knees before him. ‘Be patient with me,’ he begged, ‘and I will pay everything back.’” – Matthew 18:26*

## THREE REASONS TO FORGIVE

1. \_\_\_\_\_.

*“The servant’s master took pity on him, and canceled the debt and let him go.” – Matthew 18:27*

**The reason why we have a hard time forgiving others is we don’t really feel forgiven ourselves.**

*“But when the servant went out he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denari. He grabbed him and began to choke him, ‘Pay back what you owe me,’ he demanded. His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, ‘Be patient with me and I’ll pay you back.’ But he refused. Instead he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt.” – Matthew 18:28-30*

**Whenever you find somebody who is harsh, judgmental, unbending, demanding, unforgiving of others, critical, negative, ungracious when they’ve found other people have fallen into sin, you can count on one thing: they are carrying unresolved guilt.**

**The ungraced person is the ungracious person.**

*“Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ, God forgave you.”  
– Ephesians 4:32*

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2. \_\_\_\_\_.

*“When the other servants saw what had happened they were greatly distressed and they went and told their master everything that had happened and the master called the servant in and said, ‘You wicked servant. I canceled all the debt of yours because you begged me to. Shouldn’t you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?’ In anger, his master turned him over to the jailers until he should pay back all that he owed.” – Matthew 18:31-34*

*“Some men stay happy until the day they die. Others have no happiness at all. They live and die with bitter hearts.” – Job 21:23*

3. \_\_\_\_\_.

*“This is how my heavenly father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brothers from your heart.” – Matthew 18:35*

*“Blessed are the merciful for they will be shown mercy.” – Matthew 5:7*

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## TWO OPTIONS TO DEAL WITH HURT

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**Reflect: How will you apply this teaching? What really stood out to you in this message?**

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