

"Forgiving Others"
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Matthew 18:21-35

Forgiveness = The act of an offender. 2 Corinthians 5:17–19 (NIV) <sup>17</sup> Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! <sup>18</sup> All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: <sup>19</sup> that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. 1 John 4:18 (NIV) <sup>18</sup> There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love. Forgiving others is possible when we... ...realize the infinite \_\_\_\_\_\_ we've amassed before God. ...realize the infinite God extended to us in Christ. ...realize the infinite gives us to forgive. 1 Peter 4:8 (NIV) <sup>8</sup> Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. 1 Corinthians 13:7 (NIV) <sup>7</sup> (Love) always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. You never look more like Jesus then when you \_\_\_\_\_.

**Big Idea:** Those that have truly been \_\_\_\_\_\_ to God through Christ now have the \_\_\_\_\_\_ to forgive others no matter what the \_\_\_\_\_\_.

