

**Forgiveness Required**  
**Profound Stories – Part 1**  
Life Church St. Louis – October 27, 2019  
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*Matthew 6:14-15 (ESV) For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.*

**1. Why \_\_\_\_\_?**

**1A. Be \_\_\_\_\_ for others**

*Luke 17:3-4 (ESV) Pay attention to yourselves! If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him, and if he sins against you seven times in the day, and turns to you seven times, saying, 'I repent,' you must forgive him."*

**1B. Have a forgiving \_\_\_\_\_**

*Matthew 18:21-22 (ESV) Then Peter came up and said to him, "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times."*

**2. Understand \_\_\_\_\_ forgiveness**

**2A. Our sin \_\_\_\_\_ is unpayable**

*Matthew 18:23-25 (ESV) "Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made."*

**2B. God \_\_\_\_\_ forgives**

*Matthew 18:26-27 (ESV) So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt.*

**3. Consequences of \_\_\_\_\_**

**3A. Reveals a \_\_\_\_\_ of God's forgiveness**

*Matthew 18:28-30 (ESV) But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.' So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt.*

**3B. Results in \_\_\_\_\_ of God's forgiveness**

*Matthew 18:32-35 (ESV) Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."*

**Action Plan for This Week**

- Have a daily time of Bible reading & prayer (Matthew 18)
  - Mon  Tue  Wed  Thu  Fri  Sat  Sun

- Invite a friend to the service next Sunday.

- How will I obey God's Word this week? \_\_\_\_\_

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# Forgiveness Required Study Guide

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Intro. What are some of the relational consequences of unforgiveness?

Intro. Why does God require us to forgive others (Matthew 6:14-15)?

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1A. What does it mean to rebuke a person who sins against us (Luke 17:3-4)?

1B. Why is it important to repeatedly forgive someone who sins against us (Luke 17:3-4)?

1C. How does Matthew 18:21-22 apply to those who habitually sin?

1D. Explain the process for dealing with an unrepentant believer (Matthew 18:15-17).

2A. In what ways does this parable relate to God forgiving us of our sins (Matthew 18:23-25)?

2B. How is the king's mercy a picture of God's mercy toward us (Matthew 18:26-27)?

2C. What are the benefits we receive as a result of God's merciful forgiveness (Ephesians 2:4-7)?

2D. Why is it so important to realize the magnitude of our unpayable sin debt?

3A. How do the unmerciful servant's actions relate to our own attitudes when we are in a position to offer forgiveness (Matthew 18:28-30)?

3B. How does the king's judgement on the unmerciful servant relate to God's treatment of a believer who refuses to forgive (Matthew 18:32-35)?

3C. What are some obstacles to forgiveness that people commonly face?

3D. Who is there in your life that you need to either offer forgiveness to or ask for forgiveness?