

²¹Then 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?” ²²Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven... ³⁵So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”
—Matthew 18:21-22, 35 ESV

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Examine the Text and the Context

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Child = illustration of Kingdom Life

Enter Kingdom Like Children	Matt. 18:3
Protected Like Children	Matt. 18:6
Cared For Like Children	Matt. 18:10
Disciplined Like Children	Matt. 18:15
Forgiven Like Children	Matt. 18:21

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Good sense makes one slow to anger, and it is his glory to overlook an offense.
—Proverbs 19:11 ESV

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³¹Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. ³²Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you. —Ephesians 4:31-32 ESV

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Amos 3:3, 6, 9, 13

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**Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven."
—Matthew 18:22 ESV**

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"If this be Christianity, where do Christians live?" —John Wesley

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Does forgiveness have a limit?

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Consider the Story and the Instruction

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**Consider the Story and the Instruction
ACT I: The Release**

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And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. —Matthew 18:27 ESV

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Luke 15:11-24

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**GRACE = Getting Something
Great That You Don't Deserve**

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Consider the Story and the Instruction
ACT II: The Revenge

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Matthew 18:28, 30-34

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Embrace the Promise and Find Peace

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**... and forgive us our debts, as we also
have forgiven our debtors.
—Matthew 6:12 ESV**

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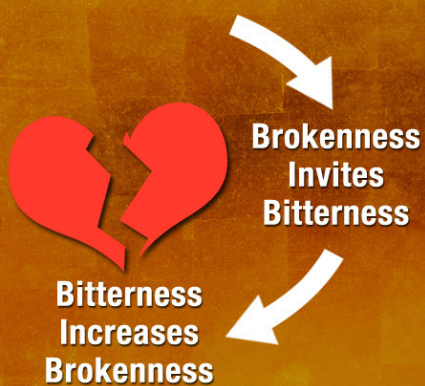
14For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, 15but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

—Matthew 6:14-15 ESV

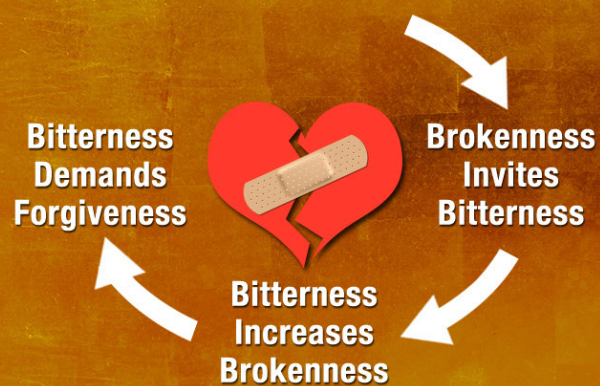
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Forgiveness Brings Freedom

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