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**To Forgive Requires Faith and
Obedience**

Luke 17:1-10

31 But he [Abraham] said to him, ‘If they [your brothers] do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded [or convinced] though one rise from the dead.’

2 It would be better for him [the offender] if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were thrown into the sea, than that he should offend one of these ‘little ones’ [better: “least ones”].

“Do not fear, little [mikros] flock [referring to His disciples], for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom [in the Millennium].”

“Assuredly, I say to you, among those born of women there has not risen one greater than John the Baptist; but he who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.”

9 But there was a certain man called Simon, who previously practiced sorcery in the city and astonished the people of Samaria, claiming that he was someone great,

ACTS 8:9

10 to whom they all gave heed, from the least [mikros] to the greatest [mega], saying, “This man is the great power of God.”

ACTS 8:10

**Take heed to how you respond when
you are offended!**

v. 3 If your brother sins against you, [is
offensive] rebuke him; and if he repents,
forgive him.

v. 4 And if he sins against you seven times in a [24-hour] day, and seven times in a day returns to you [which is a repetitive action], saying, ‘I repent,’ YOU **SHALL FORGIVE HIM [or HER].”**

21 Then Peter came to Him and said, “Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Up to seven times?”

MATTHEW 18:21

22 Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you,
up to seven times, but up to seventy
times seven.

MATTHEW 18:22

“Always have a heart that is ready to
forgive!”

So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, “It is finished!” And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.

JOHN 19:20

It is finished is all that is required to
forgive all and for all to forgive all

13 For if we are beside ourselves [zealous], it is for God; or if we are of sound mind [sober knowledge with wisdom], it is for you.

14 For the love of Christ [source of zeal]
compels us, because we judge thus [with
a sound intelligent mind]: that if One died
for all, then all [have been] died [for];

v. 15 and He died for all [including those you can't forgive], that those who live [because they are forgiven and born again] should live no longer for themselves, but for [and in submission to] Him who died for them and rose again [to prove His sacrifice was accepted].

16 Therefore [because believe v. 15], from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we have known Christ according to the flesh [in his presence], yet now we know Him thus no longer [as physically present].

17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new [in kind].

18 Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation,

2 CORINTHIANS 5:13-18

When we avail ourselves of His
forgiveness, we must make forgiveness
available to all!

Ephesians 4:32 And be kind to one another, tender-HEARTED, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.

Colossians 3:12-13 12 Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on TENDER MERCIES, KINDNESS, HUMILITY, MEEKNESS, LONGSUFFERING; 13 bearing with one another, and [with that heart] forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; [what is our standard of forgiveness?] even as Christ forgave you, so you also MUST do.

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v. 7 And which of you, having a servant [bondservant] plowing or tending sheep, will say to him when he has come in from the field, ‘Come at once and sit down to eat’?

v. 8 But will he not rather say to him,
'Prepare something for my supper, and
gird yourself and serve me till I have
eaten and drunk, and afterward you will
eat and drink'?

v. 9 Does he thank that servant
[bondservant] because he did the things
that were commanded him? I think not.

v. 10 So likewise you, when you have done all those things which you are commanded, say, ‘We are unprofitable servants [bondservants]. We have done what was our duty to do.’ ”

“[The Scribes within themselves said,]
Why does this Man speak blasphemies
like this? Who can forgive sins but God
alone?”

But that you may know that the Son of Man has power [authority] on earth to forgive sins [and therefore is God]”—He said to the paralytic, “I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house.”

Immediately, he arose, took up the bed, and went out in the presence of them all, so that all were amazed and glorified God, saying, “We never saw anything like this!”

What does the Lord of Forgiveness say are the Consequences for our not forgiving?

Matthew 6:14-15

“For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

“So My heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother his [or her] trespasses.”

MATTHEW 18:35

Mark 11:25

“And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, [in order] that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses.”

Mark 11:26

But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father in heaven forgive your trespasses.

When we don't forgive, we are overruling God; we make ourselves God over Him

Why don't some of us have a heart of
forgiveness?

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