

## #2 "Forgiveness"; Series: What would Jesus do... today?

Q: Does Jesus teach us that we have to forgive other people (period), no matter what they have done to us?

## 1. No - "Forgiveness on the Outside"

- a. Def. - extension of pardon to someone who \_\_\_\_\_ punishment
- b. 3 Factors:
  1. It is a just thing for them to \_\_\_\_\_ for what they have done
  2. the \_\_\_\_\_ of their actions should not be wiped out
  3. you make a conscious choice to no longer harbor ill-will against them for what they have done
- c. Luke 17:3: "If someone sins against you, \_\_\_\_\_ them about it; & if they repent, forgive them"
- d. Does God just forgive you or me, even if we never repent?
  1. We are not forgiven without repentance or confession, because there are \_\_\_\_\_ to admitting sins/taking responsibility
- e. 2 possible problems:
  - a. They never realize what they did was wrong in the first place
  - b. They begin to believe that what they have done or said is right
- f. Illustration: Discipline (child playing in street) - If you love them, you cannot forgive them before you make it clear that what they have done is wrong
- g. Neither we nor God are doing any favors by offering forgiveness without \_\_\_\_\_
- e. There is such a thing as the " \_\_\_\_\_ of forgiveness"
- f. Matthew 18:15-17: the method

## 2. Yes - "Forgiveness on the Inside"

- a. Mark 11:25: "Whenever you pray, forgive, & then your heavenly Father will forgive you as well"
- b. What is the \_\_\_\_\_ to not forgiving them on the inside?
- c. Unforgiveness allows them to hurt you long after the initial damage was done
- d. Inwardly, there is never a time that we can *not* forgive, because simply put, when we don't forgive, we are the ones who \_\_\_\_\_

## 3. 4 Pointers to help:

- a. Look at your own \_\_\_\_\_ to gain perspective
  1. the way that you forgive, this is how you will be forgiven
- b. "When someone \_\_\_\_\_ you, pray for them"
- c. Pray for yourself - "Lord, Increase Our faith!"
- d. Let it go, trust God, & Lean on the Faith that you *do* have

1a. deserves b1. pay b2. consequences 1c. confront d1. benefits g. repentance  
e. sin 2b. alternative 2d. lose 3a. sin 3b. wrongs