



# FORGIVENESS

PARABLE OF THE UNFORGIVING SERVANT

# **No Future Without Forgiveness**

**Those who have  
experienced the miracle of  
God's forgiveness are called  
to forgive others**

# **Matthew 18:21**

**<sup>21</sup>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?” <sup>22</sup>Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times.**

**23**“Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. **24**When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. **25**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. **26**So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ **27**And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt.

**28**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.' **29**So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' **30**He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt.

**<sup>31</sup>When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. <sup>32</sup>Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. <sup>33</sup>And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' <sup>34</sup>And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt.**

**<sup>35</sup>So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”**

**During this time of reflection,  
please consider this question:**

**Is the sin of unforgiveness  
present in your life?**