

The Relationship Choice

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.” Matthew 5:7

Choice 6: I evaluate all my relationships, offer forgiveness to those who have hurt me, and make amends for harm I’ve done to others.

“Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.” Ephesians 4:31-32

Matthew 18:21-35

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

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

²³ Therefore the kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴ And when he had begun to settle accounts, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. ²⁵ But as he was not able to pay, his master commanded that he be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and that payment be made.

²⁶ The servant therefore fell down before him, saying, ‘Master, have patience with me, and I will pay you all.’ ²⁷ Then the master of that servant was moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him the debt.

²⁸ “But that servant went out and found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and he laid hands on him and took him by the throat, saying, ‘Pay me what you owe!’ ²⁹ So his fellow servant fell down at his feet and begged him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you all.’

³⁰ And he would not, but went and threw him into prison till he should pay the debt.

³¹ So when his fellow servants saw what had been done, they were very grieved, and came and told their master all that had been done.

³² Then his master, after he had called him, said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you begged me. ³³ Should you not also have had compassion on your fellow servant, just as I had pity on you?’ ³⁴ And his master was angry, and delivered him to the torturers until he should pay all that was due to him.

³⁵ “So My heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother his trespasses.”

LESSONS ABOUT FORGIVENESS

1. BECAUSE I HAVE _____, I CAN _____

"And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors." Matthew 6:12

*"Mercy and truth have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed."
Psalm 85:10*

"being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood...that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus." Romans 3:24-26

2. THE _____ BECOME THE _____

"For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins." Matthew 6:14-15

"And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive him, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins." Mark 11:25

"...because judgment without mercy will be shown to anyone who has not been merciful." James 2:13

3. FORGIVENESS MAKES ME _____; UNFORGIVENESS _____

"And his master was angry, and delivered him to the torturers until he should pay all that was due to him." Matthew 18:34

HOW TO FORGIVE?

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

***"Praise the LORD, O my soul;
all my inmost being, praise his holy name."***

Psalm 103:1