



“Why Should I Forgive?”(Matthew 18:23-35)

Sunday, May 10, 2020 AVBC 10:30 am

- An _____ has been committed.
- The person who has offended us _____ us.
- The person who has been offended chooses to _____ the offender from the debt they owe.

1. Many times forgiveness is the _____ to settle a debt and _____. (Matt. 18:21-27)

2. Forgiveness _____ you from the torment of ongoing personal _____. (Matt. 18:28-35)

Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you. (Ephesians 4:32)

This week take some time to read about Joseph as next Sunday we study...

HOW TO FORGIVE

- Age 17 **Blessings/Betrayal**- coloured coat/sold by brothers (Gen. 37)
 - Age 17-30 **Integrity**- refused to commit adultery/Potiphar (Gen. 39:1-20)
 - Age 30 **Influence**- second in command in Egypt (Gen.41:41)
 - Age 37 **Reconnection**- does not reveal identity (Gen. 42-44)
 - Age 39 **Reconciliation**- reveals identity to brothers (Gen. 45)
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DIGGING DEEPER

(For personal study, family devotions or Care group)

Q1: What kinds of situations have caused you to ask the question, “Why?” Explain.

Q2: Have you ever experienced a time when you had to forgive someone repeatedly.

If so, how did their multiple offenses make you feel? What brought resolution?

Q3: Read Hebrews 12:14-15. What kind of root is dangerous? What kind of fruit can that kind of root produce

Q4: Think about a time in your life when the wisest thing to do was “walk away and cut your losses”. How could that situation apply to an ongoing offense in your life?

Q5: Read Matthew 18:15-20. Do you think these verses are connected to what Jesus teaches about in vs. 23-35? If so, how.

Q6: Have you ever met someone who seems to be “tortured” by past wrongdoings that they just can’t seem to forgive? What revealed that they were still in bondage?

Q7: Read Ephesians 4:30-32. What are some of the negative characteristics of a person who has grieved the Holy Spirit by being unwilling to forgive?