FORGIVENESS

Luke 17:1-5; Matthew 18:21-35

Main Theme

A true disciple forgives quickly and often.

Luke 17:1-5

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

Matthew 6:14-15

Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye.

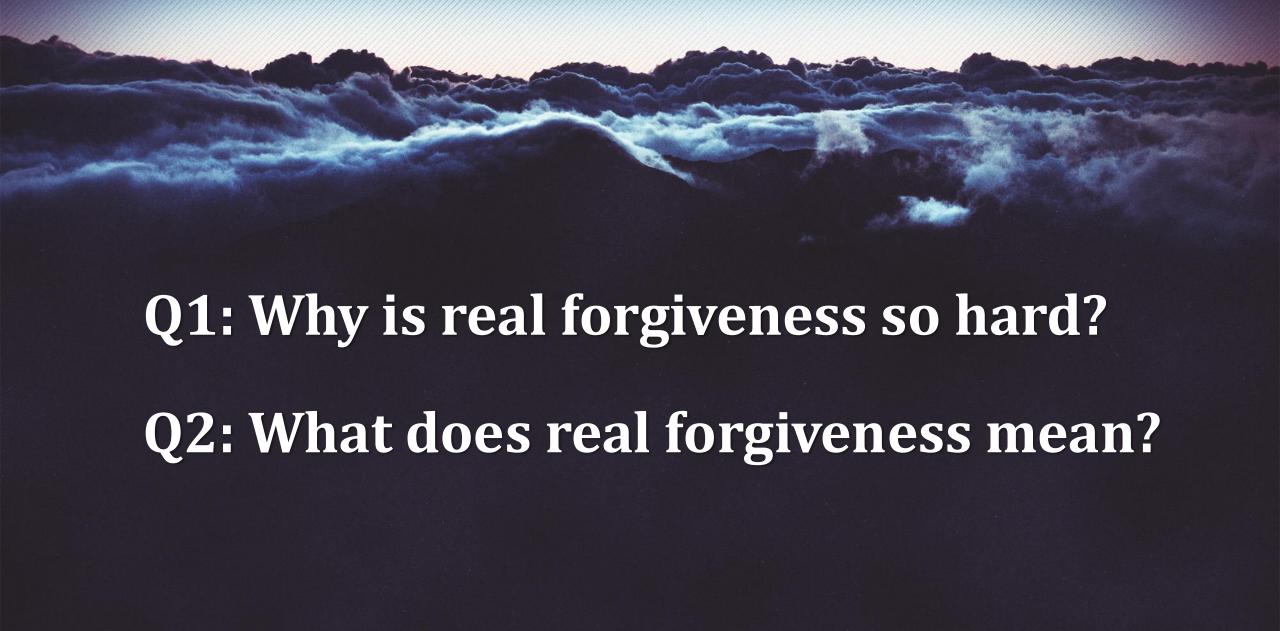
Colossians 3:12-13

And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.



Tim Keller

In all cases when wrong is done there is a debt, and there is no way to deal with it without suffering: either you make the perpetrator suffer for it or you forgive and suffer for it yourself.



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HAVE BEEN WRONGED

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- 1. Forgiveness means it's over.
- 2. Forgiveness is pure grace.
- 3. Forgiveness is a two-sided transaction.
- 4. Forgiveness is a promise.

Forgiveness

- •Forgiveness is not a cheap exchange of words.
- •Forgiveness is not a feeling ... an emotion.
- ·Forgiveness is a promise.

"I will remember your sin no more."

Isaiah 43:25

How can God forget sin? "not remembering" our sins is not the same things as "forgetting" them

Forgiveness

The first to apologize is the bravest; the first to forgive is the strongest; the first to forget is the happiest.

4. Forgiveness is a promise.

- 1)I will never bring the issue up to you again.
- 2)I will never bring the issue up to someone else.
- 3)I will surrender my right to get even.
- 4)I will never dwell on it in my mind.
- 5)I will trust God accept everything that God brings into my journey, past, present, future as part of His growing process in my life.

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.