

THE STORIES of JESUS

Explosions of Truth

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THE UNFORGIVING SERVANT

Matthew 18:21-35

Bonus Features

BARRIERS and BOUNDARIES

*Navigating the road to forgiveness is impossible
without the guidance of the Holy Spirit.*

I. BARRIERS to FORGIVENESS

*The hazards on the road that stop you from
going where you want to be.*

- a. An **ARROGANT** HEART 18:1
- b. A **REBELLIOUS** HEART 18:17
- c. A **BROKEN** HEART 18:21 (John 21)

II. BOUNDARIES for FORGIVENESS

The features on the road that get you where you want to be safely.

- a. **VALUE** 18:2; 19:3, 14
- b. **VIRTUE** 18:15, 19:9
- c. **VOICES** 18:16-17

More

FORGIVENESS IS . . .

- A punishment pardoned.
- A debt canceled.
- A relationship restored.

Matthew 18:27 NASB

"And the lord of that slave felt compassion and **released** ^{G630} him and **forgave** ^{G863} him the debt.

1. ^(G630) *apoluo*: **to release, send away**
2. ^(G863) *aphiemi*: **to drop it, let go**

Luke 7:42 (36-50) NASB

"When they were unable to repay he **graciously forgave** ^(G5483) them both. So which of them will love him more?"

3. ^(G5483) *charizomai*: **to pardon as a loving gift**

Ephesians 4:32 NASB

Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, **forgiving** ^{G5483} each other, just as God in Christ also has **forgiven** ^{G5483} you.

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