



THE PRAYER OF RELEASE

THE LORD'S PRAYER:
THE PATH TO PEACE – PART 6
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"And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors." Matt 6:12

Matthew 18:21-35

²¹ 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."

WHY MUST I LEARN TO FORGIVE?

1. BECAUSE _____

"There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus" Romans 8:1

"And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you." Ephesians 4:32

2. BECAUSE _____

"One dies in his full strength being wholly at ease and secure...Another man dies in the bitterness of his soul never having eaten with pleasure." Job 21:23-25

Do I need to forgive anyone?

Blame Test & Bitterness Test

3. BECAUSE _____

"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy."
Matthew 5:7

Two options for dealing with hurt:

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