

## "Forgive By Faith" - Matthew 18:21-35

It is hard to get through this life and not get damaged from the abuse others bring our way. Bad things happen to the best people. Just as the Lord Jesus prayed on the Cross, "**Father, forgive them, they know not what they are doing.**" (Luke 23:34) We, too, must learn to forgive all evil and all offenders by FAITH.

### **Coaching Point #1:**

- Most offenses are not \_\_\_\_\_ . **1 Cor. 13:7**
- Most offenses are caused by \_\_\_\_\_ people,  
\_\_\_\_\_ other people.

### **Coaching Point #1 : Mt. 5:23-24**

- \_\_\_\_\_ to a person you have had to forgive  
and say, "I forgive you."
- It is always \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Unless they have come to you to gain \_\_\_\_\_.)
- Forgive them by \_\_\_\_\_ in your own prayer \_\_\_\_\_.

### **Reasons people won't Forgive: "unwilling" v.30**

- "they will just \_\_\_\_\_."
- "they don't \_\_\_\_\_ it" Rom. 5:8
- "they haven't \_\_\_\_\_"
- "they aren't \_\_\_\_\_"
- "they don't \_\_\_\_\_."
- "I will have to be \_\_\_\_\_ them again"
- "it means I \_\_\_\_\_ of what they did"
- "I am \_\_\_\_\_" (to let go)

### **Reasons to Forgive:**

1. I am \_\_\_\_\_ to by the Word of God. **Matt. 6:14-15**  
**18:21-23, "for this reason the Kingdom may be compared"**
2. Because God \_\_\_\_\_ me. **18:31-34**  
(the slap of \_\_\_\_\_)
3. I forgive to keep myself out of the \_\_\_\_\_ of bitterness and  
from the emotional \_\_\_\_\_ it brings. **18:30, Heb. 12:15**
  - A. You will not \_\_\_\_\_ without forgiving.
  - B. You cannot \_\_\_\_\_ without forgiving.

C. Destroys my \_\_\_\_\_ and everything I have. **18:25**

4. It best demonstrates God's Eternal Purpose of \_\_\_\_\_.  
(restoration of relationship) **2 Cor. 5:17-21**

5. God can use this \_\_\_\_\_.

6. I might end up with a \_\_\_\_\_ instead of an \_\_\_\_\_.

7. If I don't forgive I lose: **18:35 "Father will..."**

- my \_\_\_\_\_/intimacy with the Father

- \_\_\_\_\_/grace **Judges 16:20 "Samson didn't know"**

- \_\_\_\_\_ opportunities

- eternal \_\_\_\_\_ – **1 Cor. 3:10-15**

**18:23-24 "settling up day"**

### **Coaching Point #3:**

- Forgiveness is a \_\_\_\_\_. **18:30 "he was unwilling"**

### **Coaching Point #4**

The enemy and the crippling experience that maims us, can be the \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ GOD can use to teach us and mold us into the \_\_\_\_\_  
of Christ, thereby becoming one of the greatest \_\_\_\_\_ in our  
entire life.

### **PRAYER of Release:**