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**Message Series:** What Jesus Preached – We Must Follow

**Today's Message:** Why We Should Forgive Pt. 2

**Three Truths:**

- 1) "To be a \_\_\_\_\_ means to forgive the inexcusable because God has forgiven the inexcusable in you." ~C.S. Lewis
- 2) "It is utterly absurd for us to hold someone in our debt in light of the remarkable forgiveness God has offered us." ~Rob Reimer
- 3) Christ followers will be turned over to \_\_\_\_\_ if we refuse to forgive.

Matthew 18:32-35

**Five Steps To Forgiveness:**

1. **Instead of Trying to Bury Our Wounds:** we are to dedicate them to God, inviting Him to \_\_\_\_\_ our wounds from black holes of despair into spiritual strengths.

- 1 Corinthians 3:5 "love keeps no records of wrongs."

Luke 17:1-4

2. **The Power of Grace** \_\_\_\_\_

Ephesians 1:7,8

**"Redemption"** - the price paid for my freedom, Jesus' Blood

**"Lavish"** - to bestow with profusion, to squander

3. **Pray Blessings**

Luke 6:27, 28

- If you do what God asks you to do, He will do what we \_\_\_\_\_ do—He will change your heart.

- 2 Corinthians 3:18

- If we will turn to Jesus and get closely intimate with Him, He will \_\_\_\_\_ the veil of our blindness.

4. **See to soften your heart and preps you to forgive**

5. **Offer Forgiveness At the Level of Offense**

- ◆ Psalm 51:6 "You desire truth in the innermost being"

- ◆ John 20:21 "But whoever lives in truth comes into the light..."

- ◆ Learning how to listen to not just words but the heart also enables us to pickup the intent.