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Message Series: What Jesus Preached – We Must Follow

Matthew 18:21, 22 “How many times shall I forgive someone? ... Up to seven times? ... I tell you not seven times but seven times seventy.”

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1. Forgive Because You Are Forgiven

Truth: “To be a Christian means to forgive the inexcusable because God has forgiven the inexcusable in you.”
~C.S. Lewis

Matthew 26:48-50

Matthew 18:23-25

- ◆ In this parable we see what Kingdom people are like, because this is what the King is like, and if you _____ the King, you behave like the King.
- ◆ “I was a master at masking my negative feelings even from myself... in truth, time buries all wounds that are not dealt with, and such wounds are buried _____.” ~Ruth Graham

Matthew 28:28-35

- ◆ We will be turned over to the _____ if we refuse to forgive.

2. Forgive So Satan Won't Get Ground

Ephesians 4:26, 27

- Depression is often in part a result of unprocessed anger turned inward.
- The enemy torments you—_____ you for bad choices, then he tempts you to be bitter which you accept, and then torments you further with the effects of bitterness.

3. Forgive Because Bitterness Is Corrosive

Hebrews 12:15

- ◆ Bitterness causes us to leak—we malign others, gossip about them, and spill anger.

4. How To Forgive

1) Remember God's Grace

2) Pray Blessings

Luke 6:27, 28

- If you do what God asks you to do, He will do what you cannot do—He will change your heart!!