

Talk to Me

LEARNING TO PRAY LIKE JESUS



SERMON NOTES



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"FORGIVE US"

*¹²and forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.*

Matthew 6:12

¹⁴For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, ¹⁵but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

Matthew 6:14–15

Because we've been forgiven, we must live forgiven.

EVERYONE IS IN NEED OF FORGIVENESS (v. 12A)

¹²and forgive us our debts,

Matthew 6:12a

WHY ARE WE IN NEED OF FORGIVENESS?

- Our sin separates us from God

HOW ARE WE FORGIVEN?

- Jesus paid our entire debt

BECAUSE WE'VE BEEN FORGIVEN, WE CAN AND MUST FORGIVE OTHERS (v. 14–15)

FORGIVENESS WILL BRING POWER AND FREEDOM

¹⁴For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you,

Matthew 6:14

¹²Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, ¹³bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

Colossians 3:12–13

UNFORGIVENESS WILL BRING CAPTIVITY

¹⁵but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

Matthew 6:15

Instead of genuine forgiveness, our generation has been taught the vague notion of tolerance. This is a way of sweeping the real issues in human life under the carpet. Forgiveness is richer and higher and harder and more shocking than we actually think. Jesus' message insists that we should accept no man-made substitutes.

N.T. Wright

WE WILL LIVE FORGIVEN WHEN WE RECEIVE FORGIVENESS AND EXTEND FORGIVENESS (v. 12)

*¹²and forgive us our debts,
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Matthew 6:12

Jesus isn't offering a condition for our receiving God's forgiveness so much as He is offering an illustration of what God's disposition toward us is really like.

John Calvin

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- Have you been forgiven?
- Who do you need to forgive?
- How will you forgive?