

Sharpening the Skill of Forgiveness #7

“Balancing the Books”

Matthew 18:21-35

The Mandate of Forgiveness

Matthew 18:21 - Jewish rabbis in Jesus’ day taught that an offending brother should be forgiven t_____ times.

Matthew 18:22 - Jesus replied, “Not s_____ times, but s_____ times s_____.”

1 Corinthians 13:5 - “Love keeps no r_____ of wrongs.”

Matthew 6:14-15; Mark 11:25; Luke 6:27 - Forgiving one another is a c_____, not an o_____.

Matthew 18:34 - The unforgiving servant was to be t_____, but this does not refer to one’s e_____ destiny.

The Meaning of Forgiveness

Forgiveness is the act of setting someone f_____ from an obligation to you that is a result of a w_____ done against you.

The heart of forgiveness is a g_____ release of a g_____ debt.

James 2:13 - “M_____ triumphs over j_____!”

The Manifestations of Forgiveness

We will never f_____ like forgiving someone who wronged us. Thus we must c_____ by an act of the will to forgive the person.

One key to understanding forgiveness is r_____. Another is to look in the m_____, The final is to look at the c_____.

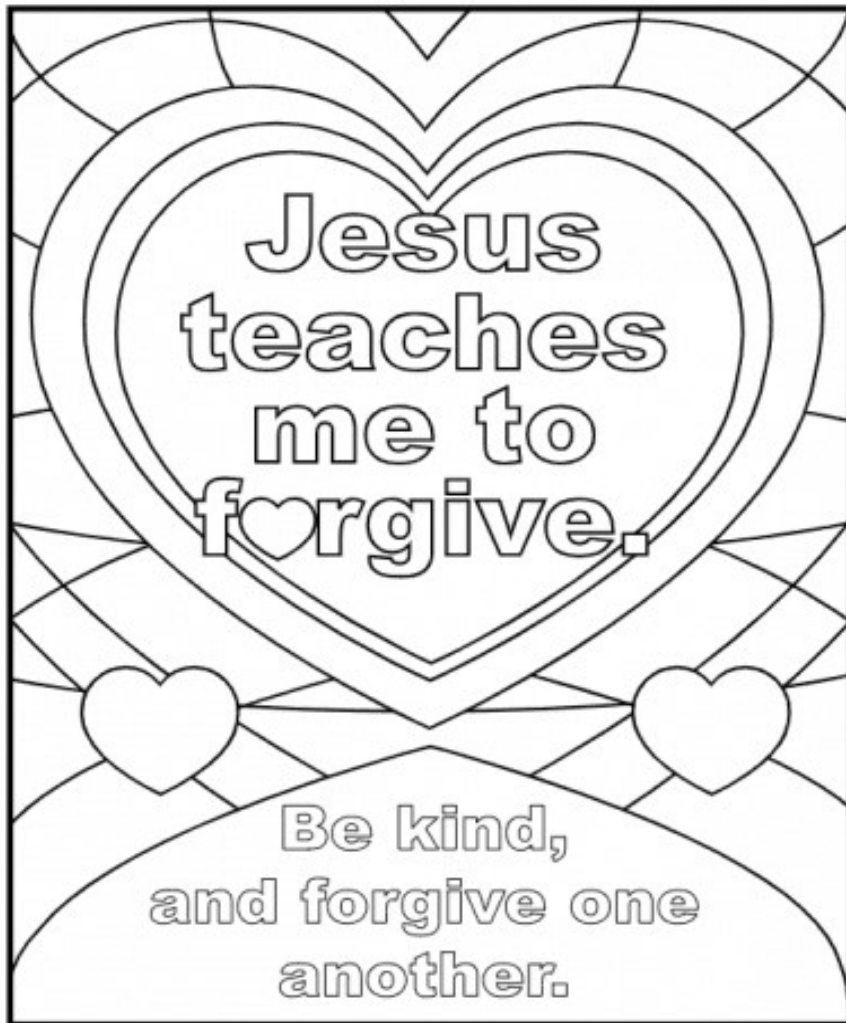
We do not forgive in o_____ to be forgiven; we forgive because we h_____ b_____ forgiven!

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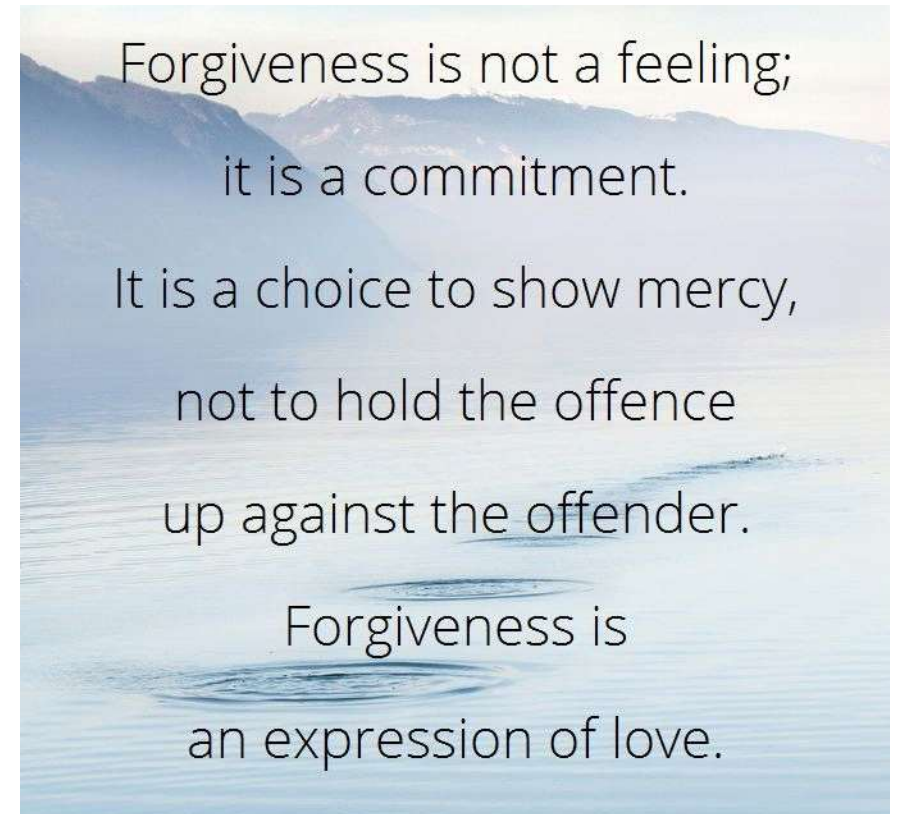
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Forgiving means setting
someone free



Mercy triumphs over judgment!
(James 2:13)

Balancing the Books



*Bear with each other and forgive
whatever grievances you may have
against one another. Forgive as the
Lord forgave you.*
(Colossians 3:13)