



Matthew  
18:21-25



**Forgiving Someone  
Even When It's Difficult**

# Why must we forgive others?



Because...

- God commands us to forgive.
- We have been forgiven much.
- Of the consequences of an unforgiving heart.



# What Forgiveness is Not



## Common Misconceptions:

- Forgetting
- Ignoring
- Reconciliation
- Easy



# What Forgiveness is



Forgiveness is agreeing to live with the consequences of another person's sin by freely choosing to release the bitterness and accepting the pain that comes with its release.



# What Forgiveness is



Forgiveness is on the basis  
of grace, not justice.



# What Forgiveness is



Forgiveness is not earned;  
it is granted.



# How can we forgive others?



- Express your hurt to God.
- Remember that you are far from perfect.
- Determine to forgive.

