

Life's Healing Choices

THE RELATIONSHIP CHOICE Life's Healing Choices: The Beatitudes – Week 6 CCCWL – 31st May 2020

"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy." Matthew 5:7 (ESV)

"Happy are those who work for peace." Matthew 5:9 (ESV)

I evaluate all my relationships, offer forgiveness to those who have hurt me, and make amends for harm I've done to others, except when to do so would harm them or others.

"Then Peter came up and said to him, "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times.

"Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts" with his servants. When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.' So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

Matthew 18:21-35 (ESV)

I. Because I have been forgiven, I can forgive

Luke 15 – The Prodigal Son (or daughter)

"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!" Psalm 103:1 (ESV)

II. The unforgiving become the unforgiven

"The king was furious and put the screws to the man until he paid back his entire debt." Matthew 18: 34 (MSG)

> "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy." Matthew 5:7 (ESV)

"and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors." Matthew 6:12 (ESV)

"For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses." "Matthew 6:14-15 (ESV)

"And whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone, so that your Father also who is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses." Mark 11:25 (ESV)

"Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven;" Luke 6:37 (ESV)

"For judgment is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment." James 2:13 (ESV)

"for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God," *Romans 3: 23 (ESV)*

How can I become a forgiver?

- 1. <u>Nail</u> it to the Cross
- 2. <u>Start</u> today

Today I want to share this thought or scripture to encourage someone else...

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God is asking me to forgive...