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"Your Kingdom Come"

Parables in Matthew

Ten Thousand Talents!

18:21-35

Life in the Kingdom

Where God's way has its way

Reading the parable: Matthew 18:21-35

God's kingdom is filled with forgiven people forgiving each other

Forgiveness is hard work!

Forgiveness is choosing to exchange the lens of contempt for the lens of mercy

Peter's magnanimous mindset: seven times: Matt 18:21

Jesus' extravagant counter: seven times seventy! Matt 18:22

The only fuel that can manage such a demand: to be forgiven much yourself

People who are forgiven little, love little: Luke 7:47

Key Problem: we don't know how much we have been forgiven

The firecracker in my pocket

Getting In Touch with the Magnitude of Our Own Forgiveness

The unimaginable magnitude of ten thousand talents

Paul as the Chief of Sinners: 1 Timothy 1:15

Two arguments to suggest there is no such thing as a "little sin"

One: left alone in our sinful nature, given enough time, we would all end up exactly the same

The Sermon on the Mount: Matt 5:21-28

Two: the vulnerability of perfection and God's commitment to its preservation

Matt 5:48; 22:12; Rev 21:27; 22:3

Two Eradication Options: us or Him: Micah 7:19,20

The lavishly generous offer of forgiveness: Acts 2:38; 3:19

The Power of Grace

Energy of exhilaration

Patience of humility

Energy + patience = fuel for "seventy times seven" living

Diagnosing a persistent refusal to forgive

I have never *actually received* God's offer of complete forgiveness

I have never *fully understood* the immensity of what God has forgiven me

I Will Not Remember

I will not remember. You're free! All of those offenses toward Me

I have sent them spinning into a distant sea.

I will not remember what's been. In My eyes you're only innocent.

I will not remember, so come and be with Me.