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"Parables: The Mathematics of Forgiveness?"

[Matthew 18:21-35](#)

Questions for Personal Reflection or Small Group Discussion

1. How do you balance limitless forgiveness with relational boundaries?
2. On a regular basis, how overwhelmed are you with God's forgiveness of your debt/sin? Do you see yourself as someone who "owes such a large sum" or (if you're honest) a person who is "not as indebted as other people who are really bad"?
3. Look again at the end of page 3 through the middle of page 4. In what ways do you struggle with the "conditional language" Jesus uses at the end of this parable and the end of His teaching on prayer in Matthew 6:14-15? How do grace and judgment fit together?
4. Who have you needed to forgive in the past, and who do you need to forgive now? What's the first step you need to take?
5. What does this parable have to do with being "Rooted in Jesus, Growing in His Love, [and] Branching Out To Serve Others"?