# Forgivness

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## INTRODUCTION

- Jacob de Shazar, once a prisoner of the Imperial Japanese army, preached to the Japanese about Jesus, about love, and about forgiveness.
- It is forgiveness that I want to talk with you this morning about.
- Lord, teach us how to pray privately to our Father.

## 1 Forgive Us Our Debts

**Romans 4:2–8; Matthew 5:28–32; 2 Samuel 12:10**

- Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Two truths that are linked together. And Jesus says, unless you have one, you can't have the other.
- He doesn't use the word sin, does he? He uses the word debt.
- That we owe God our total obedience.
- Blessed is the man to whom the Lord shall not impute sin.
- God can forgive us of sin. He can set us free of the penalty of sin. But that doesn't mean he set you free of the consequences of that sin.

## 2 As We Forgive Our Debtors

**Matthew 6:14–15; Ephesians 4:32; Matthew 18:35**

- For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your father forgive your trespasses.
- Jesus says that we must forgive to be forgiven.
- Be kind to one another, tender hearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.
- So my heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you from his heart does not forgive his brother his trespasses.

## 3 Forgiveness Releases Us From Our Past

**Jeremiah 31:34; Isaiah 43:25**

- He doesn't forget. But what he does is that he chooses not to remember.
- Forgetting is passive. It just happens. Not remembering is active. It's something that you choose to do.
- For I will forgive their iniquity and their sin, I will remember no more.
- God has not asked you to forget. He's asked you not to remember.

## 4 It Refreshes My Soul

- When I forgive somebody, what I'm doing, I'm promising that person, I'm not going to dig this up any longer.

- When I say I forgive you, that's it. We start from that point and go on then.

## 5 Forgiveness Restores Relationships

**Genesis 45; Luke 15; Colossians 3:13**

- Did not forgiveness restore the relationship between Joseph and his brothers?
- We may be estranged from somebody in our family right now, or somebody we even worship with, and how forgiveness can restore that relationship.
- If I am to forgive as God forgave, Colossians chapter 3, verse 13, then I need to take from God's example how he forgives.
- I certainly don't carry any grudges or bitterness against that person that never asked me.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **How would you like to get to the end of your life and the Lord say, I'm sorry. Because you wouldn't forgive. I'm not going to forgive you.**

MY NOTES