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Jesus On My Tendency to Avoid Forgiveness

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Matthew 18: 21-35

### **A Primer on Forgiveness:**

- Forgiveness is never easy
- Forgiving others is not based on their deserving forgiveness. Forgiving others is based on my own forgiveness by Jesus.
- Forgiveness is to cancel the debt.
- Forgiveness is to stop the resentment.
- Forgiveness is both a decision and a process.
- Forgiveness does not mean that all of the negative emotions will disappear instantly.
- Forgiveness does not mean that trust has been earned.
- Proverbs 20:22, Mathew 6:14-15, Ephesians 4:32, Colossians 3:13-14, Romans 12:17-21

### **The One Thing:**

There's urgent \_\_\_\_\_ in the human tendency to embrace religion, but miss \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and the gospel.

## 4 Very Human Tendencies Exposed:

1. My tendency to \_\_\_\_\_ conflict and \_\_\_\_\_ that I am not hurt and there is nothing to forgive.

2. My tendency to \_\_\_\_\_ my sins.

**Mathew 18:23-26** “Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. <sup>24</sup> As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold was brought to him. <sup>25</sup> Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt. <sup>26</sup> “At this the servant fell on his knees before him. ‘Be patient with me,’ he begged, ‘and I will pay back everything.

3. My tendency to magnify other peoples sins in order to \_\_\_\_\_ mine.

**Mathew 18:27-30** The servant’s master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go. <sup>28</sup> “But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins. He grabbed him and began to choke him. ‘Pay back what you owe me!’ he demanded. <sup>29</sup> “His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.’ <sup>30</sup> “But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt.

4. My tendency to think I am the \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.

**Mathew 18:31-35** When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened. <sup>32</sup> “Then the master called the servant in. ‘You wicked servant,’ he said, ‘I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to.’ <sup>33</sup> Shouldn’t you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?’ <sup>34</sup> In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed. <sup>35</sup> “This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”