The Prodigal Son – Part 2

(Daniel Israel – March 6, 2022)

Scripture Reading

Luke 7:41-43

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Matthew 18:21-35

21Then Peter came up and said to Him, "Lord, how many times shall my brother sin against me and I still forgive him? Up to seven times?"

22Jesus *said to him, "I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy-seven times.

23"For this reason the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his slaves.

24And when he had begun to settle them, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him.

25 But since he did not have the means to repay, his master commanded that he be sold, along with his wife and children and all that he had, and repayment be made.

26So the slave fell to the ground and prostrated himself before him, saying, 'Have patience with me and I will repay you everything.'

27And the master of that slave felt compassion, and he released him and forgave him the debt.

28But that slave went out and found one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and he seized him and began to choke him, saying, 'Pay back what you owe!'

29So his fellow slave fell to the ground and began to plead with him, saying, 'Have patience with me and I will repay you.' 30But he was unwilling, and went and threw him in prison until he would pay back what was owed.

31So when his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were deeply grieved and came and reported to their master all that had happened.

32Then summoning him, his master *said to him, 'You wicked slave, I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. 33Should you not also have had mercy on your fellow slave, in the same way that I had mercy on you?'

34And his master, moved with anger, handed him over to the torturers until he would repay all that was owed him

35 My heavenly Father will also do the same to you, if each of you does not forgive his brother from your heart."

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Matthew 6:14-15

14 For if you forgive other people for their offenses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.

15 But if you do not forgive other people, then your Father will not forgive your offenses.

Conclusion

Do not hold onto grudges

Focus on the magnitude of God's mercy and grace

Three Fs - Forbear, Forgive, and Forget!

Reset

Like Christ, keep forgiving.