

The Gospel and Unforgiveness
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Forgive like a child (Matthew 18:3)

Religious forgiveness vs. Gospel forgiveness (Matthew 18:21)

- Concerning forgiveness – The gospel doesn't compel me to just go "further." The Gospel compels me to never stop forgiving.
- Nehemiah 9:17b, Isaiah 43:25

You've been forgiven much – so forgive much

Concerning forgiveness – The way I forgive is not based on what I think should be done. The way I forgive is based on what God has done for me.

"To be a Christian means to forgive the inexcusable, because God has forgiven the inexcusable in you." C.S. Lewis

"If you want to have a forgiving spirit, if you want to process your soul, if you want to have the inner power to bear injuries without meltdown, what you have to do is...make a conscious decision to stress the *commonalities* between you and that person, not the *differences*." Tim Keller

We are...freed!