

WHAT WOULD Jesus Say?

ANSWERING LIFE'S BIGGEST QUESTIONS

Part 5 – Forgiveness Is Our Opportunity To Start Over
Mathew 18:21-35

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I. JESUS' SHOCKING STORY. (Matthew 18:21-35)

II. WHY SHOULD WE BE **WILLING** TO FORGIVE THOSE WHO HURT US?

A. Our fellowship with God is directly **tied** to our fellowship with others.

1. There is a **difference** between relationship and fellowship with God.

1 John 1:9 "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

2. *Matthew 6:12, 14-15 "And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.*

¹⁴ For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. ¹⁵ But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins." (For if you forgive not men their trespasses neither will God forgive you your trespasses.)

B. Don't mistake forgiveness with restoration of trust. Forgiveness is given but trust is **earned**.

C. Our forgiving others sets **us** free for God to bless us.

