

Seventy x Seven - Forgiveness is Hard

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1. C. S. Lewis wrote in *Mere Christianity*: "Every one says forgiveness is a lovely idea, until they have something to forgive." How do you respond to what he observes?
2. What makes forgiving someone hard?
3. We have spent the last three weeks referring to Jesus' parable of the servant who experienced forgiveness but did not extend any to another. Go back over the parable in Matthew 18:23-35. What new insights have you gained new insights into being forgiven and forgiving?
4. The topic of forgiveness is found all the way through the Bible. In his letter to the Ephesians Paul talks about forgiveness. Read Ephesians 4:31-5:2. What does he say about forgiveness and our relationships in these verses? What is the reason we are to forgive?
5. C. S. Lewis wrote in *The Weight of Glory*: "To be a Christian means to forgive the inexcusable, because God has forgiven the inexcusable in you." What practical steps can you follow if you need to "forgive the inexcusable" towards someone?
6. Read Jesus' words in Matthew 11:28. If you are feeling tired of the weight of working through matters of forgiveness, what hope does Jesus' words give you?