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ALLOWING YOUR HEART
TO CATCH UP
WITH YOUR LIFE

“Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, ‘Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?’ Jesus answered, ‘I tell you, not seven times, but seventy times seven. Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants.’ ”

Matthew 18:21–35

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“When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt.”

Matthew 18:21–35

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“But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, ‘Pay what you owe.’ His fellow servant fell down before him and begged for a little more time. ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay it,’ he pleaded. But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt.”

Matthew 18:21–35

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“When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened. Then the master called the servant in. ‘You wicked servant,’ he said, ‘I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. Shouldn’t you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?’”

Matthew 18:21–35

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“In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed. This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

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“No, not seven times,” Jesus replied, “but seventy times seven!”

Matthew 18:22

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If we are counting, we are
not actually forgiving.

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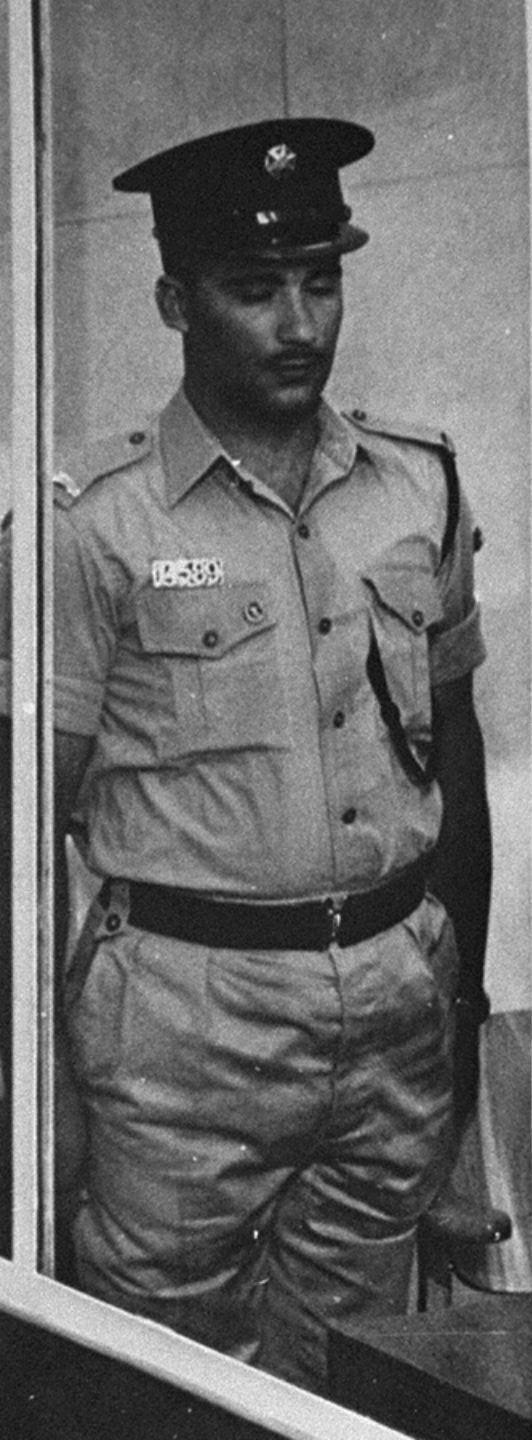
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“Peter’s question and Jesus’ answer say it all. If you’re still counting how many times you’ve forgiven someone, you’re **not really** forgiving them at all, but simply **postponing revenge**.”

—N.T. Wright



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How Do We Forgive?

1. Take Pity

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2. Cancel Debts

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Take Pity = Have Compassion
= Have Your Heart Go Out

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“You are **identifying** with them, you are putting your heart in them, in their life and in their body and you feel something of what they feel. To have pity on someone who has wronged you means you deliberately do the internal work of **reminding yourself** of how much you have **in common**.”

—Tim Keller

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“Forgiveness flounders because I exclude the enemy from the community of humans even as I exclude myself from the community of sinners.”

—Miroslav Volf



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1 Talent = 6000 Denarii

1 Denarius = 1 Day's Wage

1 Talent = 6000 Days of Wages
= 16 Years of Wages

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Either:

The person who **caused** the offence pays

or

The person who **experienced** the offence pays



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“He was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by **his wounds** we are **healed**.”

—Isaiah 53:5

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