#### **ACTION POINTS**

In response to today's message, I will...

1. AGod			God's gift of forgive	's gift of forgiveness through Jesus Christ	
		2.	Maintain an a	of gratitude.	
		3.	Forgive E	from my heart.	

#### THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST

The good news is that the just and gracious Creator of the universe has looked upon hopelessly sinful men and women and has sent His Son, Jesus Christ, God in the flesh, to bear His wrath against sin on the cross and to show His power over sin in the resurrection, so that everyone who turns from their sin and themselves, and trusts in Jesus as Savior and Lord, will be reconciled to God forever.

If you would like more information about following Christ, go to the NEXT STEPS kiosk or Bookstore kiosk to get a free Bible and resources to help you grow. You can learn more about water baptism and what it means to be a disciple of Jesus.

**Next Sunday** 

## Parable of the Good Samaritan

This Wednesday

Special Guest: Kevin Ramsby

"A Fight To Forgive"

Pastor Kevin Ramsby of Detroit Michigan will be here to share his story of how God helped him forgive a man who broke into his home and stabbed him 37 times. Kevin's story has been featured on Discovery Channel and CNN. Bring a guest to join you this Wednesday.

7:00 p.m. to 8:15 p.m.—In the Worship Center

# {PARABLES}

### The Unmerciful Servant

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#### What is a Parable?

A simple \_\_\_\_\_that illustrates a profound truth.

#### The Parable of the Unmerciful Servant

<sup>21</sup> 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?" <sup>22</sup> Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times. <sup>23</sup> "Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. <sup>24</sup> As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold was brought to him. <sup>25</sup> Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt. <sup>26</sup> "At this the servant fell on his knees before him. 'Be patient with me,' he begged, 'and I will pay back everything.' The servant's master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go. <sup>28</sup> "But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins. He grabbed him and began to choke him. 'Pay back what you owe me!' he demanded. <sup>29</sup> "His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.' 30 "But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. 31 When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened. 32 "Then the master called the servant in. 'You wicked servant,' he said, 'I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. <sup>33</sup> Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?' <sup>34</sup> In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed. <sup>35</sup> "This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

- Matthew 18:21-35

#### **BIBLE STUDY PRINCIPLES**

#1 Context (who is the audience)
#2 Revelation (ask the Holy Spirit for revelation)
#3 Scripture interprets Scripture (What else does the Bible say)
#4 KISS (What are the plain things)
#5 Take notes (Write it down)
#6 Do the

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# The requirement to forgive has no

#### **Matthew 18:22**

"This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

# Failure to forgive has \_\_\_\_\_\_ consequences

#### **Matthew 18:35**

The lesson we nee	ed to learn from this parable is to g	guard our hearts
against the	and	of the
	unmerciful servant.	

He U	the magnitude of
	the debt that he owed

"Be patient with me, and I will pay back everything."

Matthew 18:26

"...anyone who has been forgiven for only a little will show only a little love."

Luke 7:47 CEV

"...all our righteous acts are like filthy rags"

Isaiah 64:6

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Romans 6:23** 

You, therefore, have no excuse, you who pass judgment on someone else,

He O	the debt that was	
	owed to him	

He passed judgment on	
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for at whatever point you judge another, you are condemning yourself, because you who pass judgment do the same things.

Romans 2:1

"Do not judge, or you too will be judged. For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you."

Matthew 7:1-2