

**But Seriously Folks ....**

**.... The Sword Of The Lord**



# **Prayer & Prophecy Night**

Who will take the baton from my hand?

God has promised good things to you as a church.

To take hold of them, you need to do something.

This is one of the things you need to do.

# **1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 YOU'RE OUT!**

## **Matthew 18:21-35 NIV**

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<sup>22</sup> Jesus answered, “I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.

# THE UNPAYABLE DEBT

<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.

# **GOD'S INCREDIBLE MERCY**

<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.’ <sup>27</sup> The servant’s master took pity on him, cancelled the debt and let him go.

# THE UNTHINKABLE RESPONSE

<sup>28</sup> “But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins.<sup>[i]</sup> 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.’

<sup>30</sup> “But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt.

# **FORGIVE AS YOU ARE FORGIVEN**

<sup>31</sup> When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened.

<sup>32</sup> “Then the master called the servant in. ‘You wicked servant,’ he said, ‘I cancelled 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?’



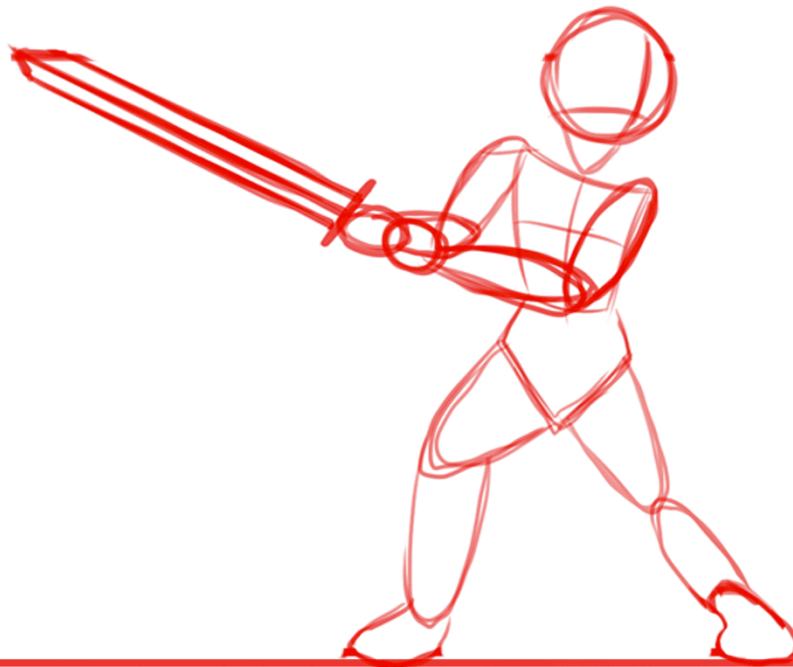
# HOIST ON HIS OWN PETARD

<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.”

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*Jim*

# Humble Yourself Before The Lord

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This is specifically speaking about unforgiveness.

# Resolve The Past

Past hurts, past traumas, past grudges, past issues hold you back.



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## Romans 12:19-21 NIV

<sup>19</sup> Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord.

<sup>20</sup> On the contrary:

"If your enemy is hungry, feed him;  
if he is thirsty, give him something to drink.  
In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head."

<sup>21</sup> Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.



# Consider Jesus

**Luke 23:34 NIV**

**<sup>34</sup> Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.”**



# Holding On





# LET IT GO.

— Elsa, Frozen



# **FREELY Forgive**



## **Luke 6:37-38 NIV**

[37] “Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven.

[38] Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.”

# It's All About You!

Unforgiveness holds **YOU** back.

Unforgiveness prevents **YOU** from receiving all that God has for **YOU**.

Unforgiveness is baggage that weighs **YOU** down.

Unforgiveness is a door that allows the devil to gain a foothold in your life.



# The Only Way Is Up

## Philippians 3:13-14 NIV

Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, <sup>14</sup> I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.



# **The Only Way Is Up**

**FAITH follows TRUTH not feelings.**

**CHOOSE to forgive.**

# Drop The Ballast



# It's All About Who!

Parents,  
Family,  
Partners,  
Peers,  
Colleagues,  
Leaders,  
Bosses,  
The church,  
Yourself,  
God.

Quietly, to yourself, but out loud, say  
“Father, I forgive **NAME** for making  
me feel **HOW YOU FEEL**.  
I renounce my right to vengeance  
and trust it into your hands.  
I pray that you will bless **NAME** and  
make them fruitful in you.”



# Free

