

Matthew 18:21-35

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- a. continued sinning hurts
- b. forgiveness is important
- c. want a limit to forgiveness

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Scene 1: deeply in debt, deeply in trouble, deeply pardoned

Scene 2: less payment, less patience, lacks pity/pardon

Scene 3: wicked servant, without mercy, wrathful punishment

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More than we Can

Motivated by Comparison

Moved from the Heart

*How do we compare?*



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*We reflect the mercy  
we have received!*



