

Responding to Immeasurable Mercy

Matthew 18:21-35

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1. We revert to **law**.

- Legalism is easier because we can measure it.
- Legalism is attractive because we get some credit.
- Forgiveness doesn't keep track of **wrongs**.
 - 1 Corinthians 13:5

2. But Jesus wants a change of **heart**.

- “You have heard it said. . . But I say to you.”
 - Matthew 5:21-48

3. God's **mercy** is bigger than our **sin**.

- When justice is too much to bear, God offers mercy.
- God is eager to forgive the **humble** and repentant.

4. Those who receive mercy should **demonstrate** mercy.

- Forgiveness is costly.
- The cost to forgive us was far **greater**.
 - Philippians 2:5-8

5. God's judgment will **reflect** ours.

- Because our faith is reflected in our actions.
 - Matthew 7:1-2

Scriptures from today's sermon

⁵ [Love] does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. (1 Corinthians 13:5)

³⁸ “You have heard that it was said, ‘Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.’ ³⁹ But I tell you, do not resist an evil person. If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also. ⁴⁰ And if anyone wants to sue you and take your shirt, hand over your coat as well. ⁴¹ If anyone forces you to go one mile, go with them two miles. ⁴² Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you. (Matthew 5:38-42)

⁵ In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

⁶ Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;

⁷ rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death— even death on a cross! (Philippians 2:5-8)

⁷ “Do not judge, or you too will be judged. ² For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you. (Matthew 7:1-2)