

Valley Bible Church
Sermon Notes for November 30, 1986

Forgiveness
Part 3
Matthew 18:21-35
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Introduction: Birds migrate by instinct, which was given to them at creation. They make trips very different from man. If God's physical creation has instincts does God's spiritual creation have instincts? **2 Corinthians 5:17, 1 John 4:7** Being spiritually born our natural instinct is to love one another. **1 John 5:1-4** The practice of forgiveness should also be as an instinct.

1. What does it mean to forgive someone?
2. How many times are we to forgive someone?
3. What are the conditions?

None, we are to forgive at all times and under all conditions.

4. What should compel us to exercise forgiveness?

The Lord has forgiven us a debt that cannot be calculated. In the passage the King is God. The slaves are high placed servants. The debt of 10,000 talents is a huge staggering amount; it represents the debt of sin, a debt that is un-payable. **Job 15:14-16 Romans 3:10-18**, show the greatness of our sin.

Who are we not to forgive others when we have been forgiven so much?
"...moved with anger..." God sent him to the torturers. Not talking about the loss of salvation but discipline within our lives.