#5 June 25 - The Discipline of Forgiveness

... And forgive us ...

Mat 6:9-11 Pray then like this:

Mat 6:12 And forgive us our debts,
As we also have forgiven our debtors;



Mat 6:14 For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father also will forgive you; 15 but if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

Listen ...

Everyone has been hurt sometime ...

Auschwitz, Poland 4/27/1940 – 1/27/1945 1.1 million people



... but not everyone has been forgiven.



"Before you embark on a journey of revenge, dig two graves." Asian proverb





Forgive ... *everyone*.

(And protect yourself also.)

23 "Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. 24 When he began the reckoning, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents; \$1,347,472.70 (75 pounds) x 10,000 talents = \$13,474,727,000

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25 and as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. 26 So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay And out of pity for him.

you everything.' 27 And out of pity for him the lord of that servant released him and forgave him the debt.

28 But that same servant, \$182.33 or 100 days labor. as he went out, came upon one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat he said, 'Pay what you owe.' 29 So his fellow servant fell down and besought him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you. 30 He refused and went and put him in prison till he should pay the debt.

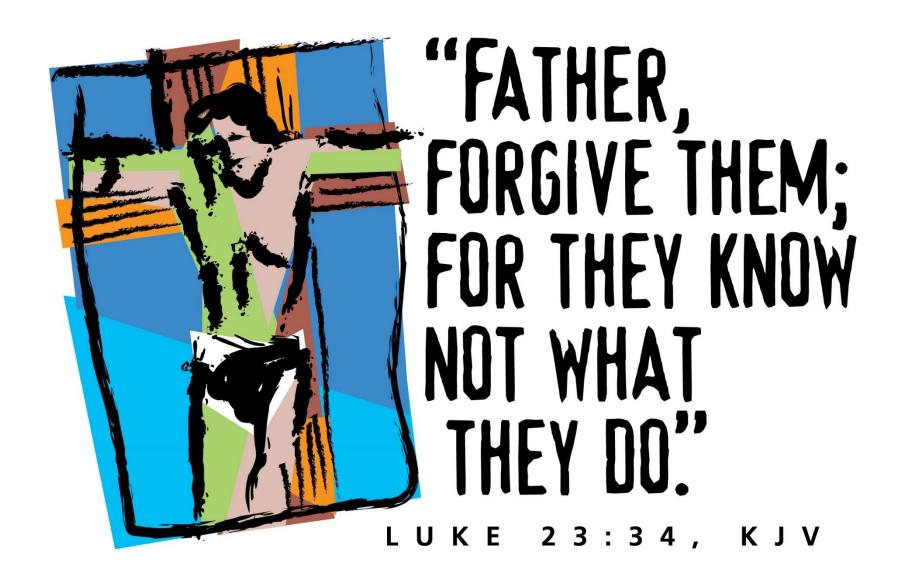
100 denarii =

31 When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. 32 Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you besought me; 33 and should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?'

34 And in anger his lord delivered him to the jailers, till he should pay all his debt. 35 So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."



How much will unforgiveness cost you?



They never do know.

