Sermon Notes

Matthew 18 **July 26, 2026**

Tales from the Christ: The Unforgiving Slave

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I. Forgiveness is a Tricky Thing

II. Matthew 18 and Church Disciples
- A. The steps towards reconciliation
  1. Go to that person privately
  2. Take 2-3 people with you
  3. Bring it to the church
  4. Cut off ties
- B. The goal is reconciliation

III. Matthew 18 and The Unforgiving Slave
- A. Begins with Peter's question, "How often. . .?"
- B. Walk through the parable
  1. How much does the slave owe the king?
  2. How does the king response to plea?
  3. How much does the other slave owe?
  4. What was unsettling to the community?
  5. What was the king's response?

IV. Putting It All Together
- A. Not commanded to unilaterally forgive, but if there is an admission of wrong, the command is to forgive
- B. The danger of praying The Lord's prayer
  1. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us
  2. Should make any of us shudder
- C. Face to face with the cross to understand the our debt that has been forgiven.
- D. How can we not do the same?

V. What is the Holy Spirit Saying to You?