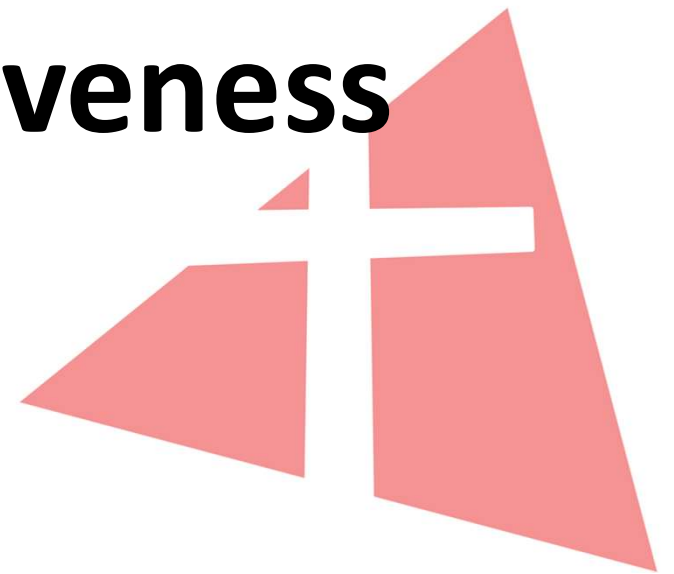


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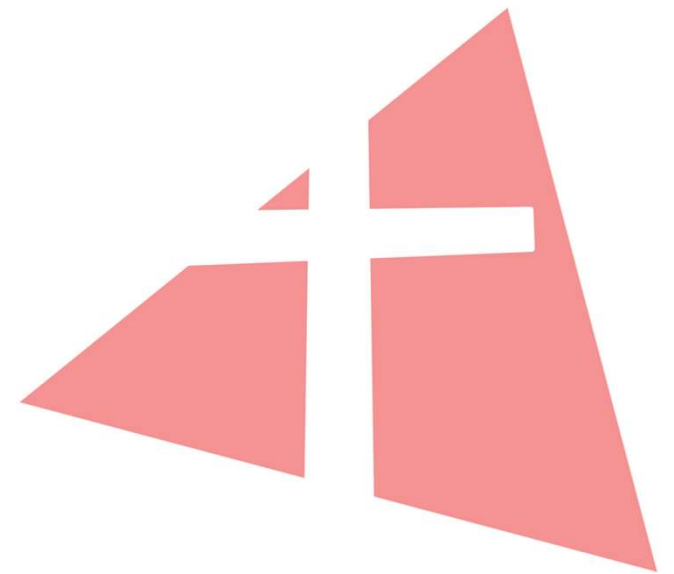
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Last two weeks

- Our childhood

Wounds that haven't healed we pass on



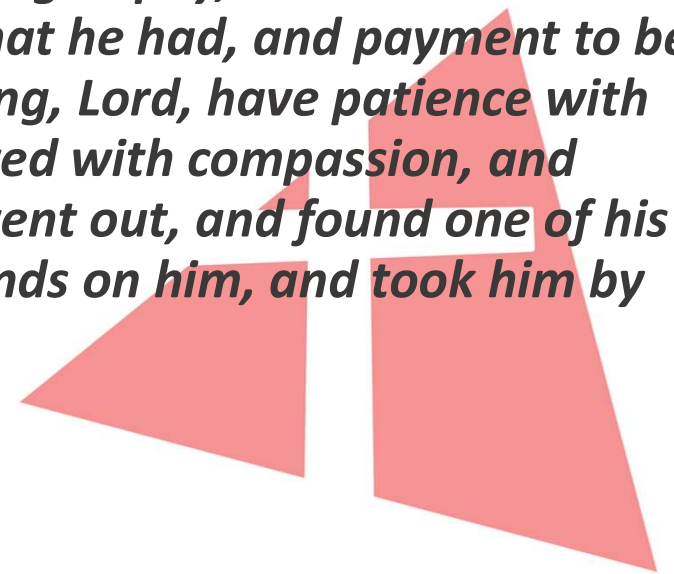
Jesus' Words

Matthew 6:14-15 For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: But if you forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.



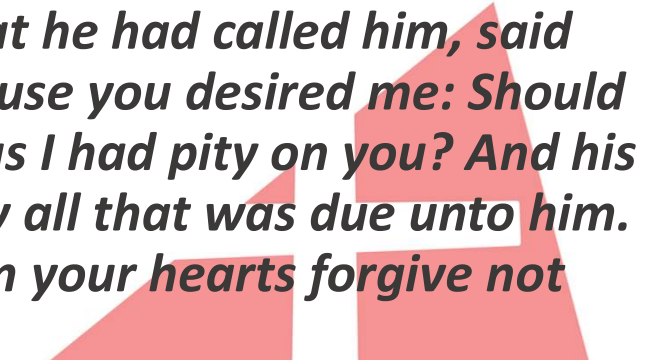
The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant

Matthew 18:23-35 Therefore is the kingdom of heaven likened unto a certain king, who would take account of his servants. And when he had begun the reckoning, one was brought unto him, who owed him ten thousand talents. But since he had nothing to pay, his lord commanded him to be sold, and his wife, and children, and all that he had, and payment to be made. The servant therefore fell down, and worshiped him, saying, Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay you all. Then the lord of that servant was moved with compassion, and released him, and forgave him the debt. But the same servant went out, and found one of his fellow servants, who owed him a hundred pence: and he laid hands on him, and took him by the throat, saying, Pay me what you owe.



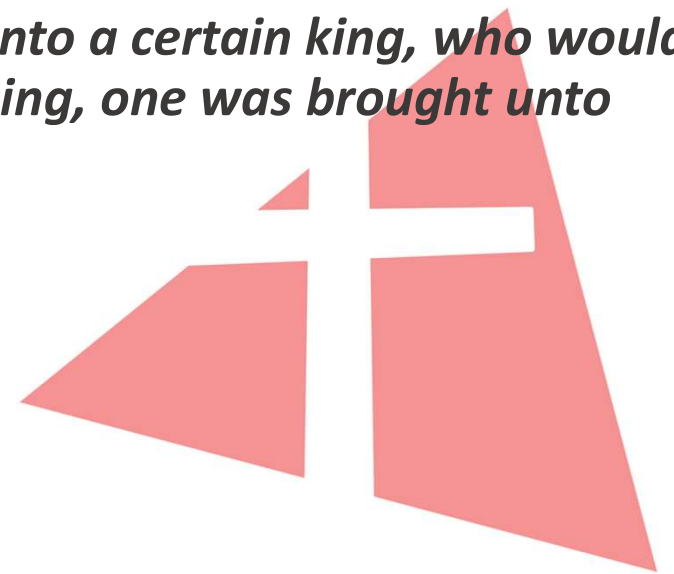
The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant

And his fellow servant fell down at his feet, and besought him, saying, Have patience with me, and I will pay you all. And he would not: but went and cast him into prison, till he should pay the debt. So when his fellow servants saw what was done, they were very sorry, and came and told unto their lord all that was done. Then his lord, after that he had called him, said unto him, O you wicked servant, I forgave you all that debt, because you desired me: Should not you also have had compassion on your fellow servant, even as I had pity on you? And his lord was angry, and delivered him to the jailers, till he should pay all that was due unto him. So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if you from your hearts forgive not everyone his brother their trespasses.



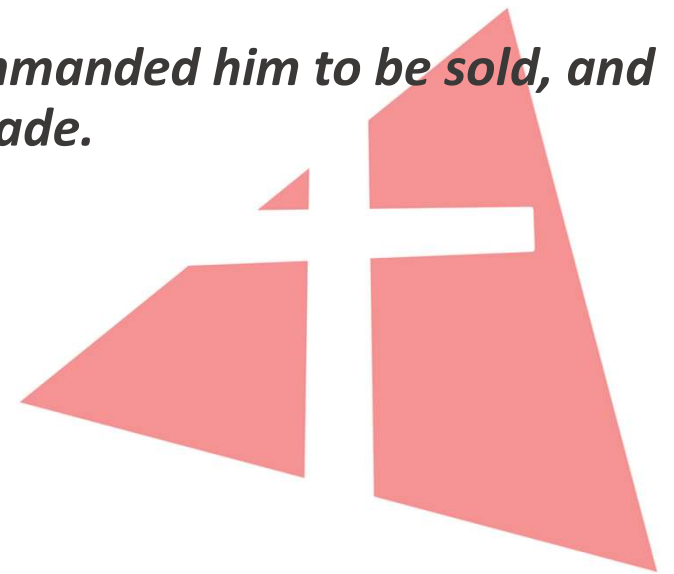
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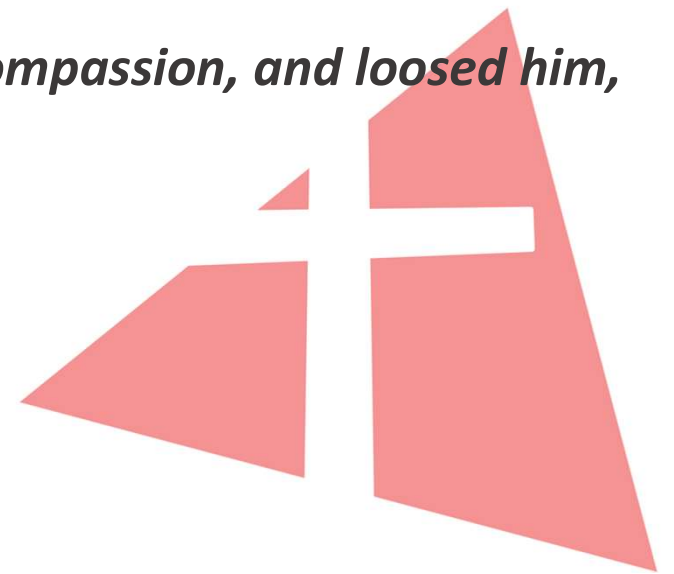
The Punishment

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The Master's Forgiveness

Matthew 18:27 Then the lord of that servant was moved with compassion, and loosed him, and forgave him the debt.



The second servant

Matthew 18:28-29 But the same servant went out, and found one of his fellowservants, which owed him an hundred pence: and he laid hands on him, and took him by the throat, saying, Pay me that thou owest. And his fellowservant fell down at his feet, and besought him, saying, Have patience with me, and I will pay thee all.



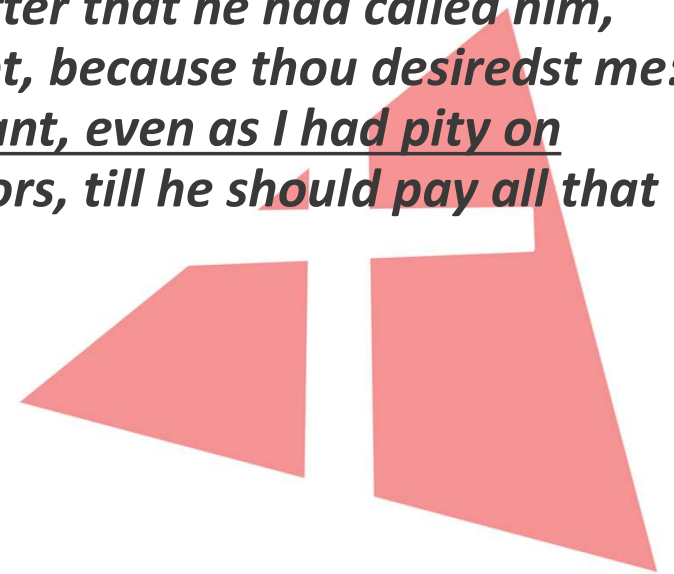
The servant's choice

Matthew 18:30 And he would not: but went and cast him into prison, till he should pay the debt.



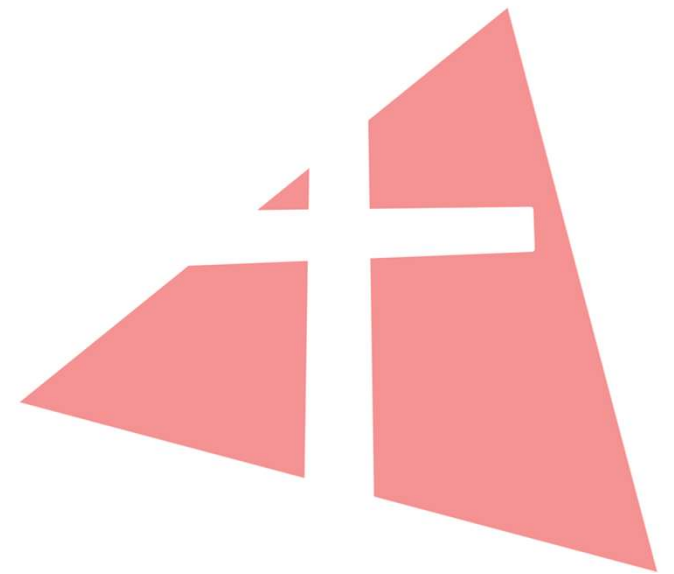
The master's second response

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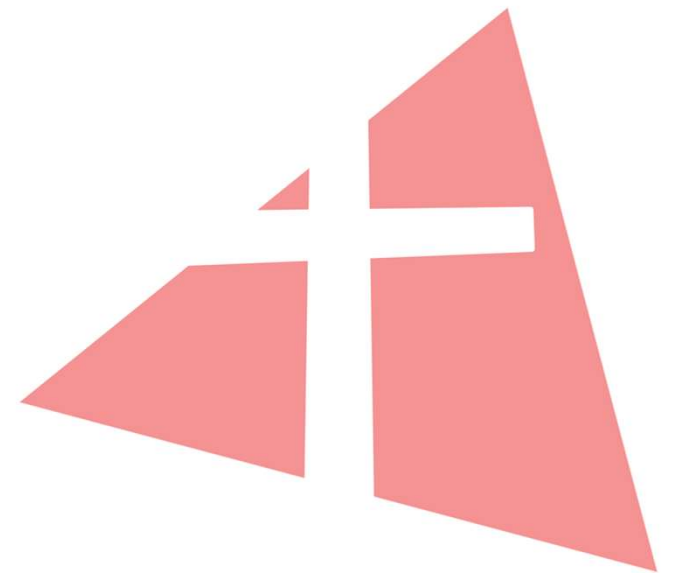
The crossroad

- **The heart of the first servant**



The crossroad

- **The debt of the first servant**



Receiving and Extending Forgiveness

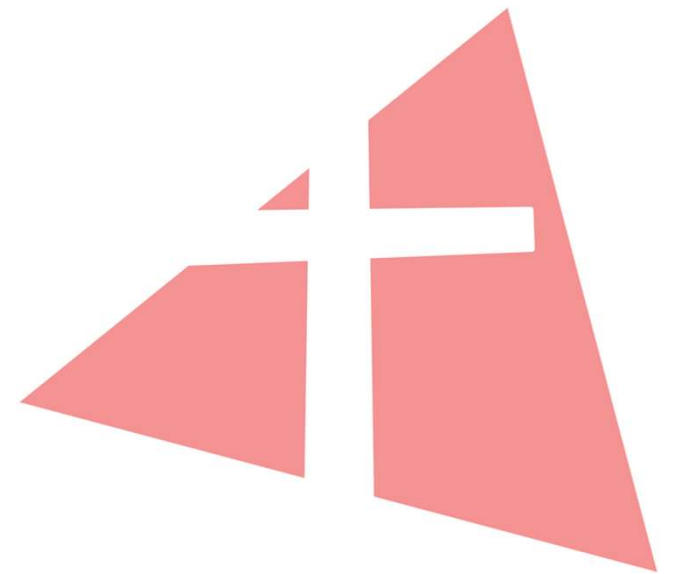
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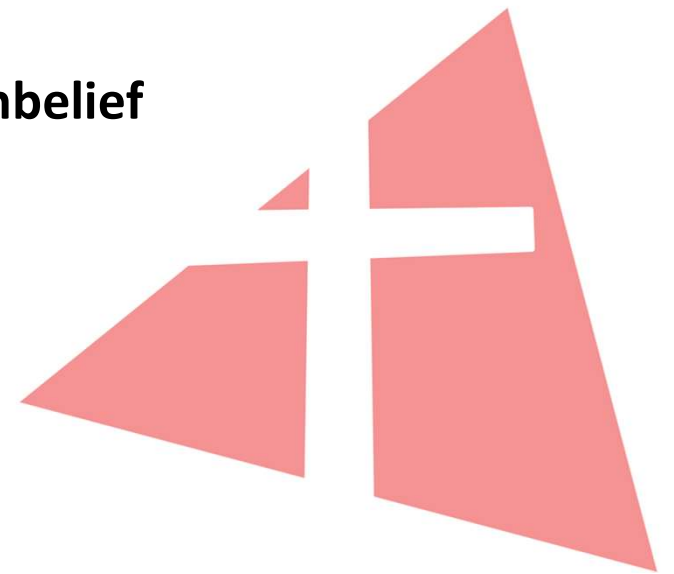
Application

- If God's forgiveness reaches our hearts we can forgive others



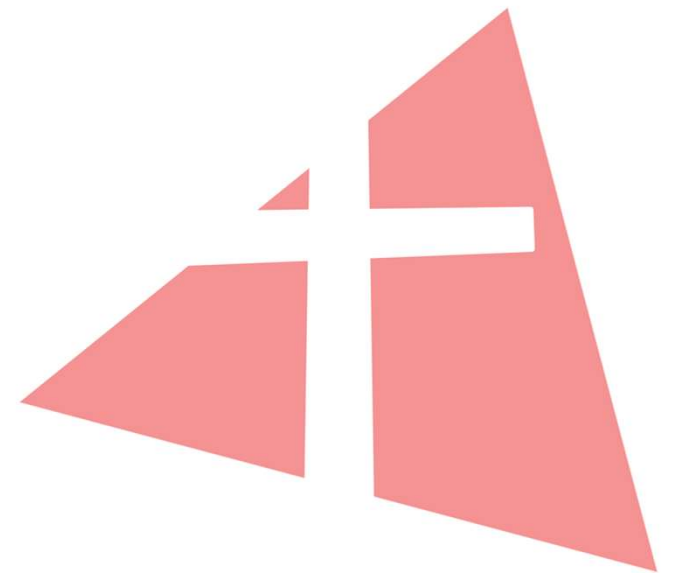
Application

- **Not being able to forgive could point towards some form of unbelief**



Application

- **Healing from our childhood**



Easter

- **Easter is not only about receiving forgiveness**
- **Easter is also about setting ourselves free by being able to forgive others**

