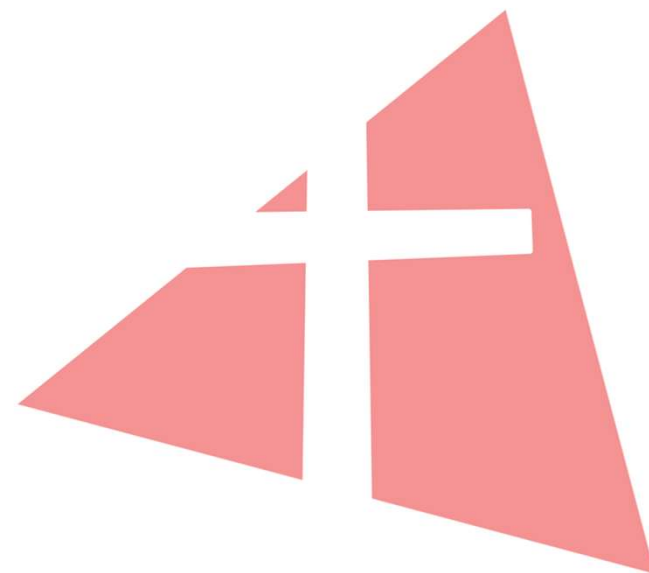


Who is God? Who am I? Forgiveness

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Our Series

- **Who is God? Who am I?**
- **The Relationship Aspect**
 - Lost Sheep
 - Waiting Father



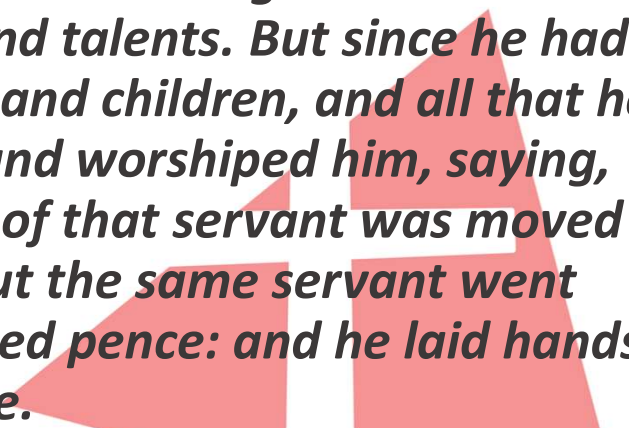
Today's Focus

- **The Forgiving Master**



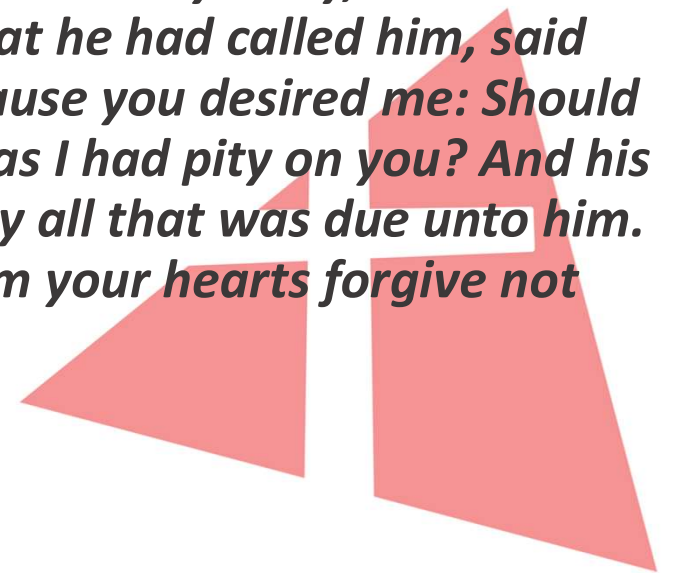
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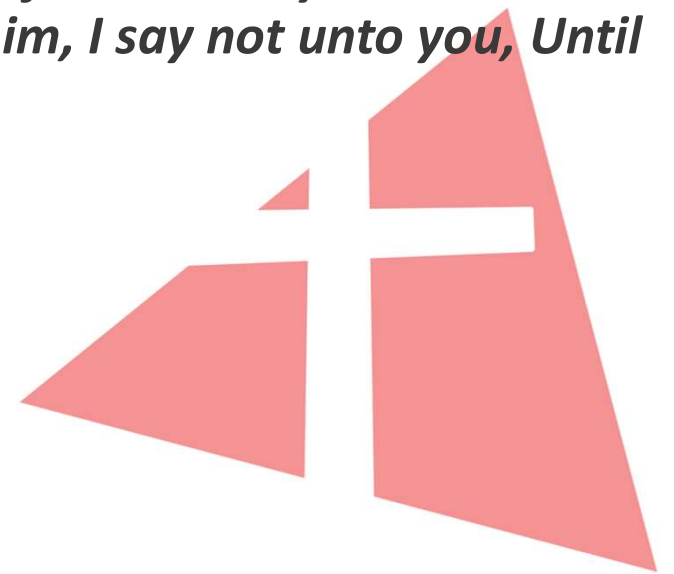
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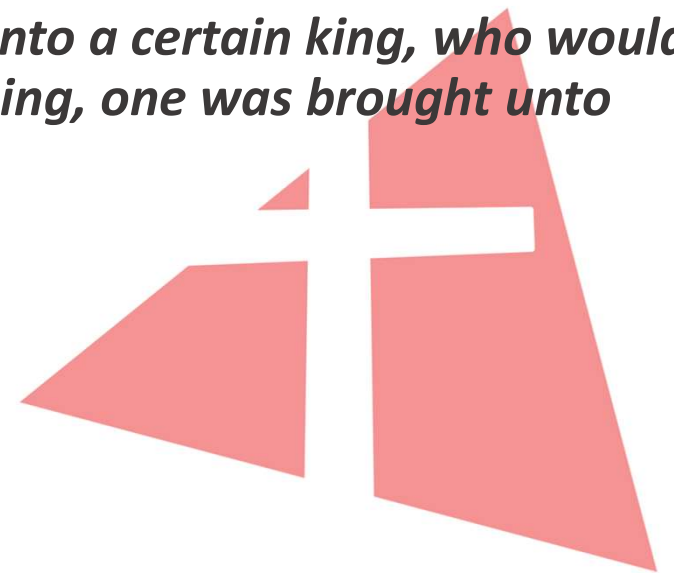
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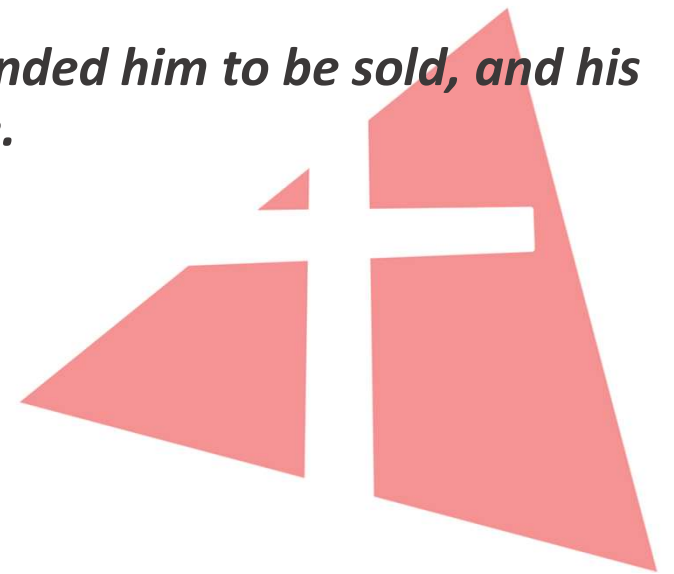
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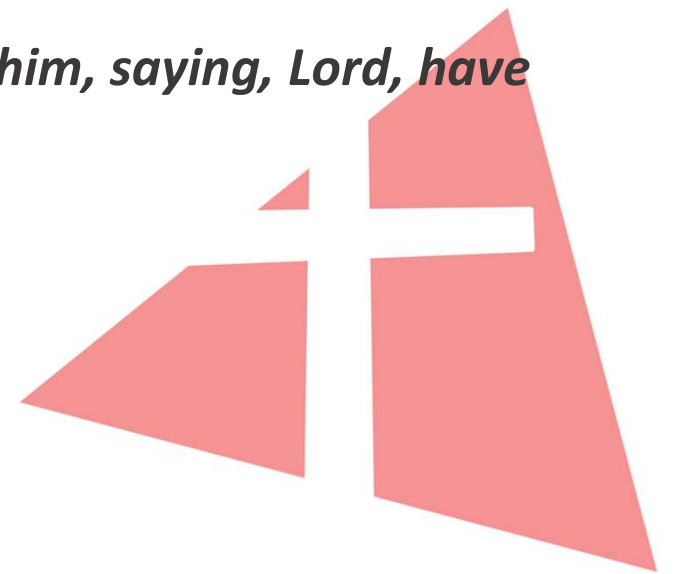
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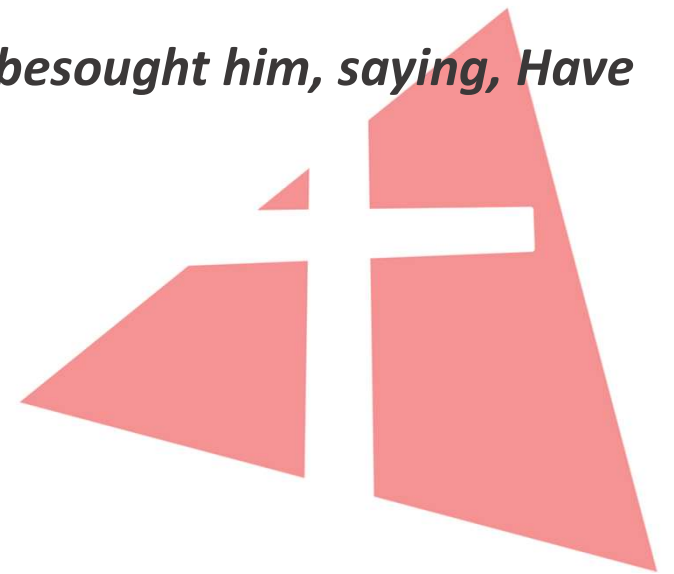
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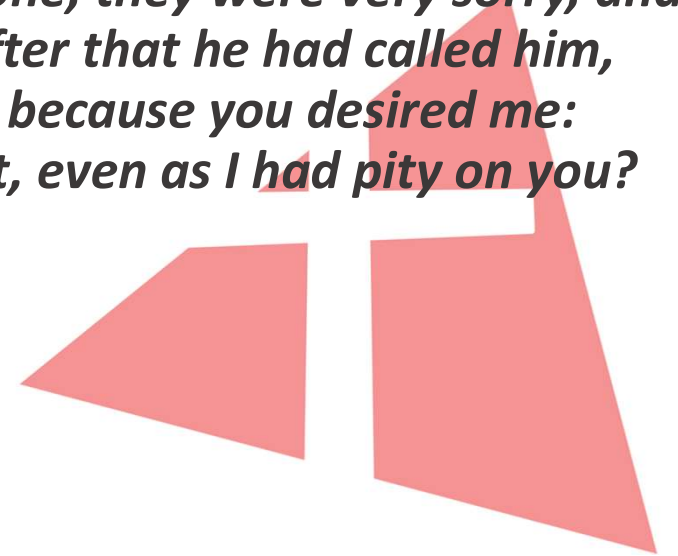
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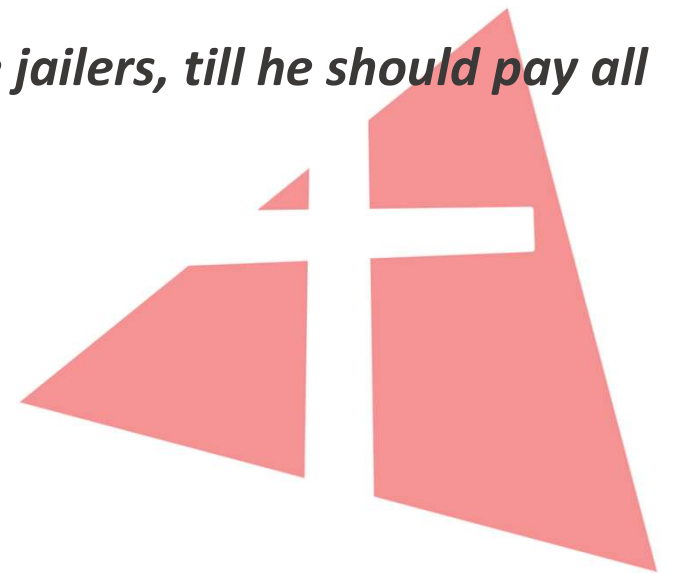
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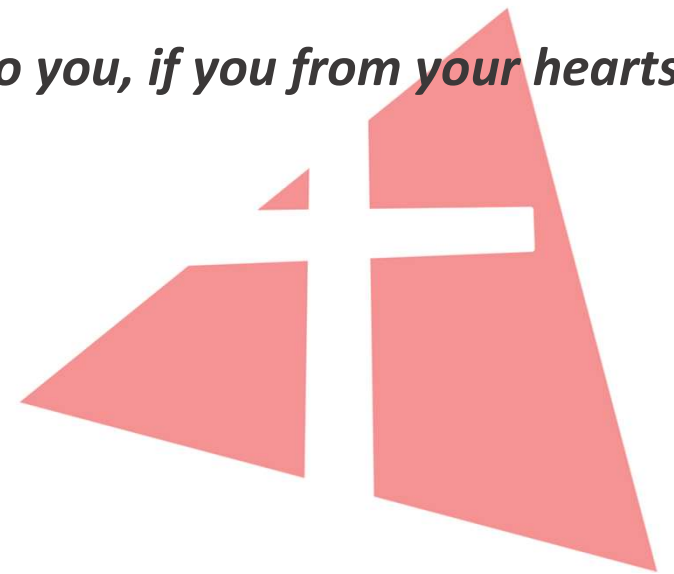
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The Servant

- How could this servant be so stupid?



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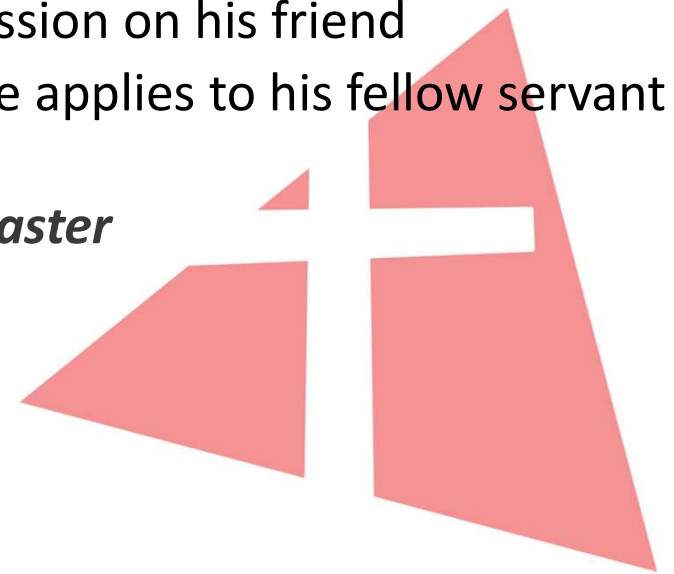
- I see parallels to the **Older Brother in Luke 15**
 - Being offered forgiveness, but not willing to receive it



The Servant

- **The Servant was forgiven**
- **The Servant had a choice how to treat his fellow servant**
 - The servant could apply the law to his friend or have compassion on his friend
 - The master applies the same standard on the servant that he applies to his fellow servant

I don't need what you owe me. I have everything I need in my master



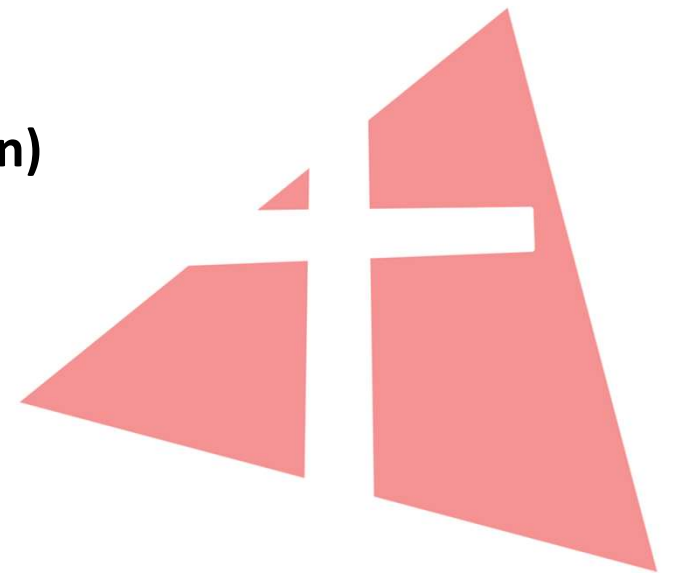
The Master

- **The Master didn't primarily care about money**
- **The Master cared about changing the heart of his servant**
- **The Master wanted the servant to reflect his heart to others**



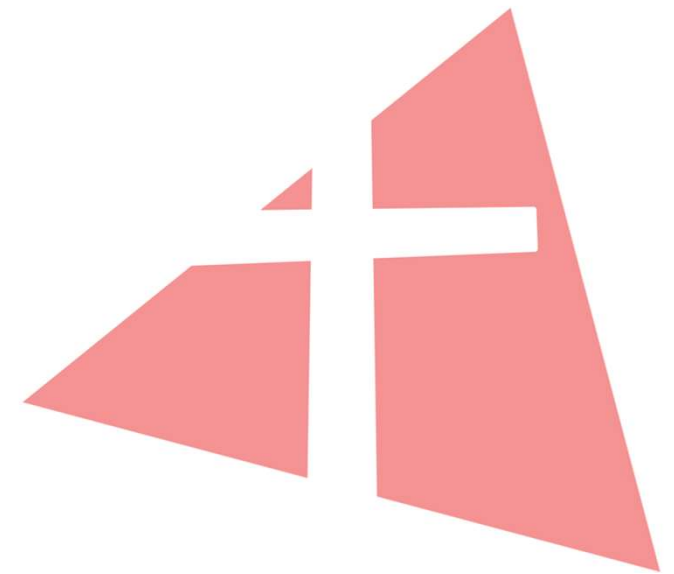
Unforgiveness

- **The intention of unforgiveness is to punish the other person**
- **In reality, unforgiveness puts us in prison (not the other person)**



The Original Question

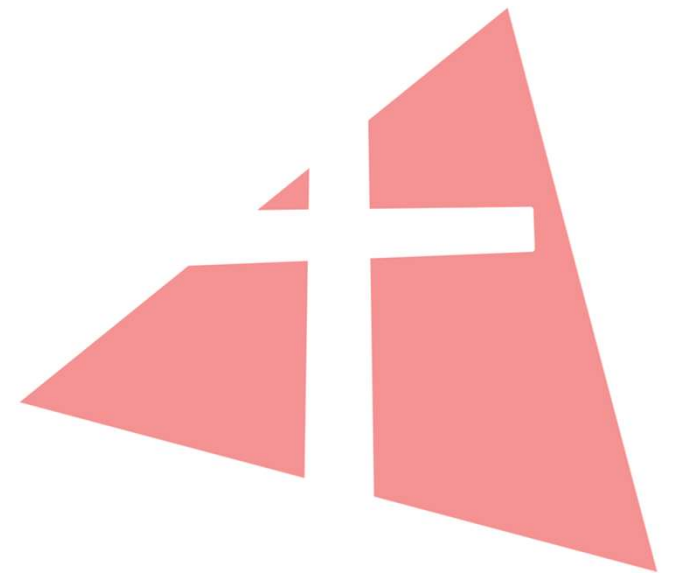
- **How would anybody be able to offer unlimited forgiveness?**
- **God offers us**
 - Unconditional love
 - Forgiveness
 - Eternal riches
 - Eternal life
 - ...



What is our Choice?

- We can hold each other to the law
- Or we can reflect God's Forgiveness to each other

I don't need what you owe me. I have everything I need in God



Evidence of Faith

- **Being able to forgive others is evidence that we have received forgiveness from God**
- **Being able to forgive others is evidence of genuine Faith**



In Conclusion

- **We should ask God for personal revelations of this parable**
 - Our own sinfulness and debt towards God
 - A revelation of God's forgiveness
 - An examination what we are reflecting to people around us
 - A revelation how God treats us in light of how we treat one another

