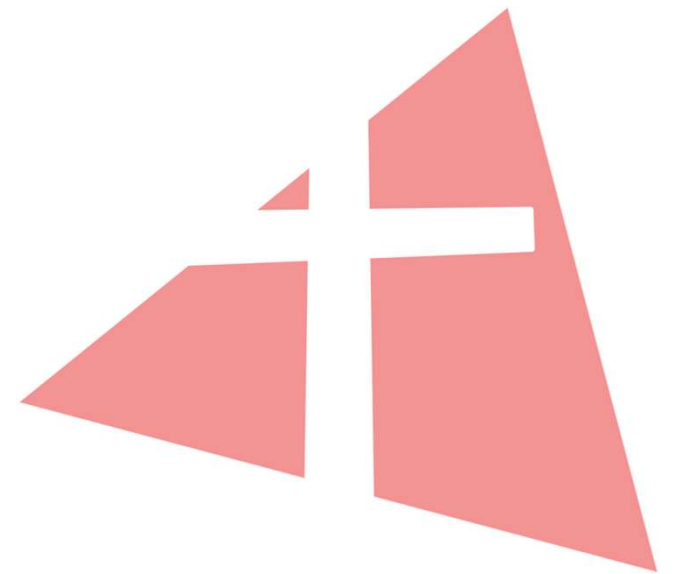


Forgiveness in Prayer

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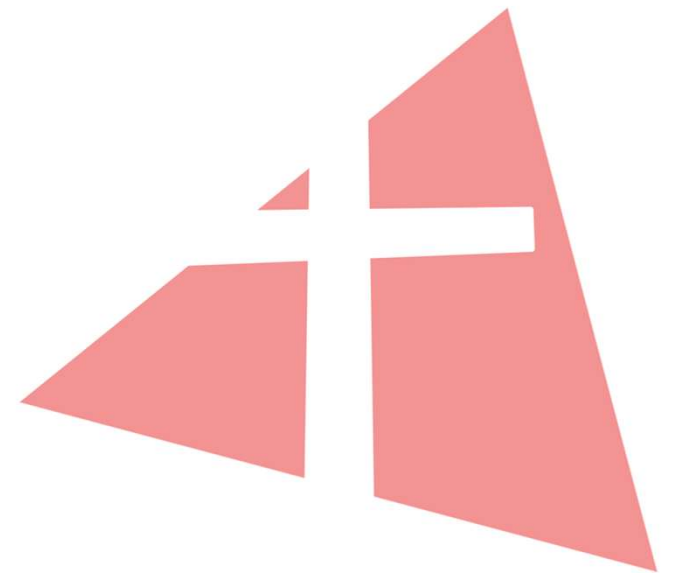


Our Series: Prayer

- **Prayer is for God's Glory**
- **Biblical Prayer is about "praying God's Will"**

Prayer is telling God what He tells us to tell Him

- **Repentance**



Today's Focus

- Forgive others

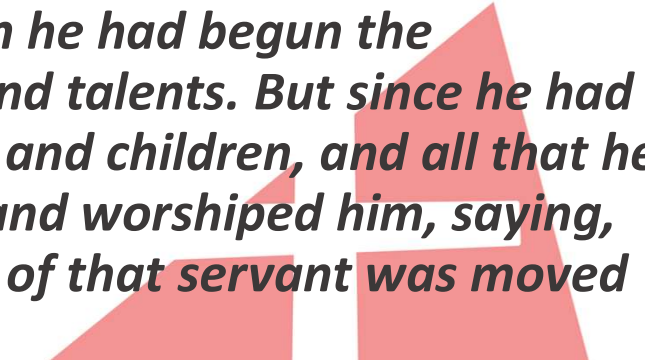
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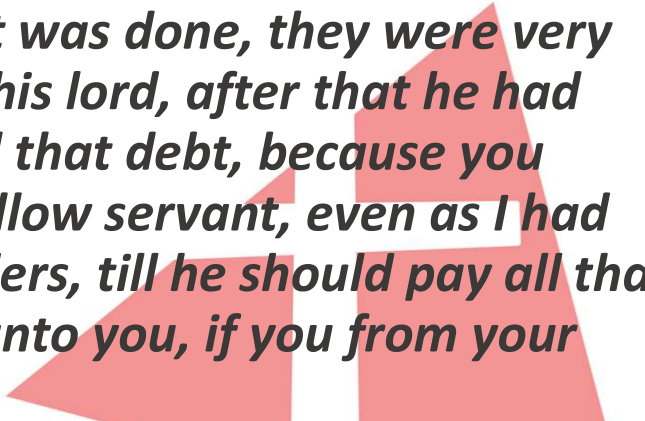
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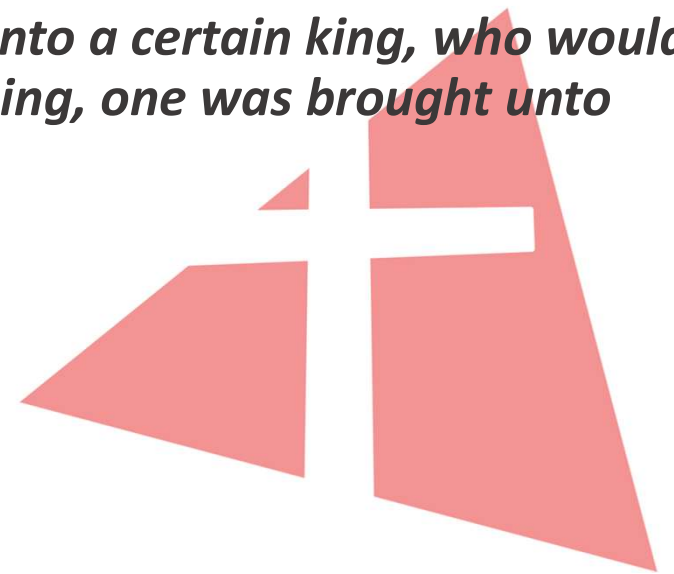
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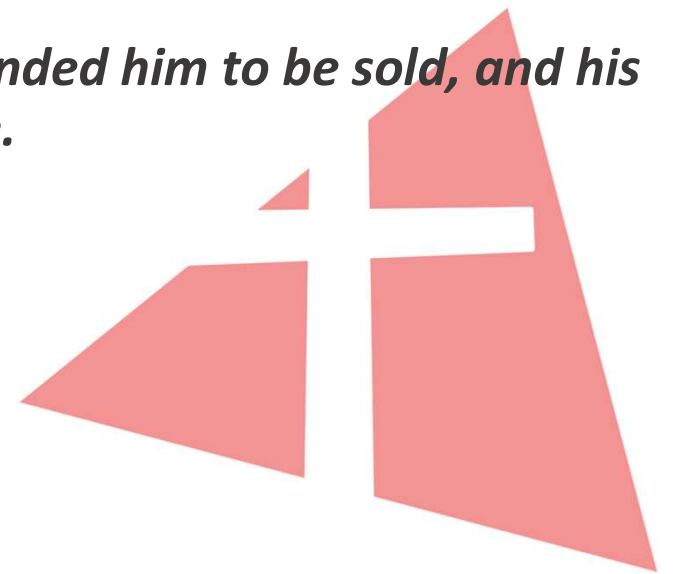
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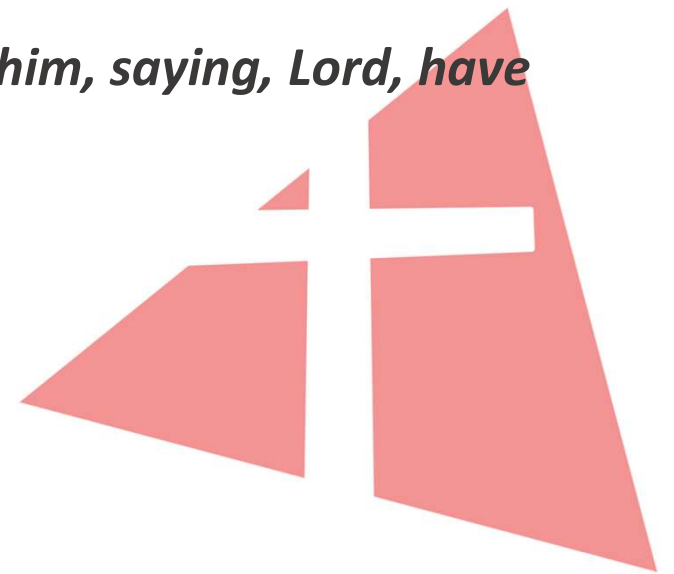
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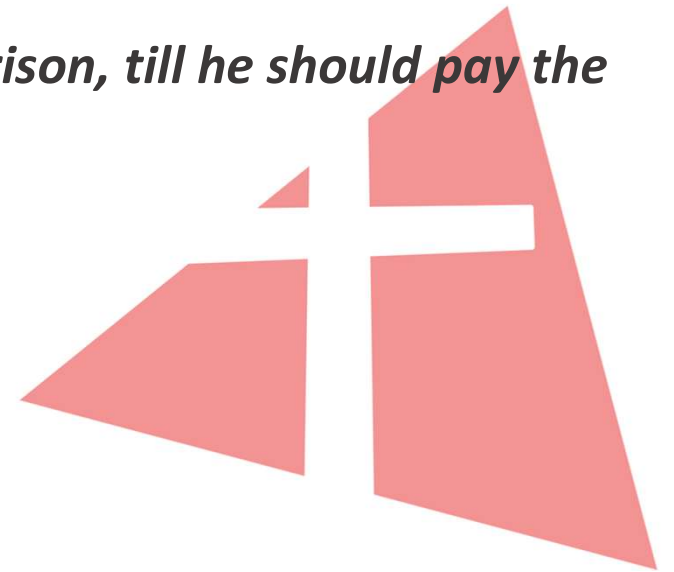
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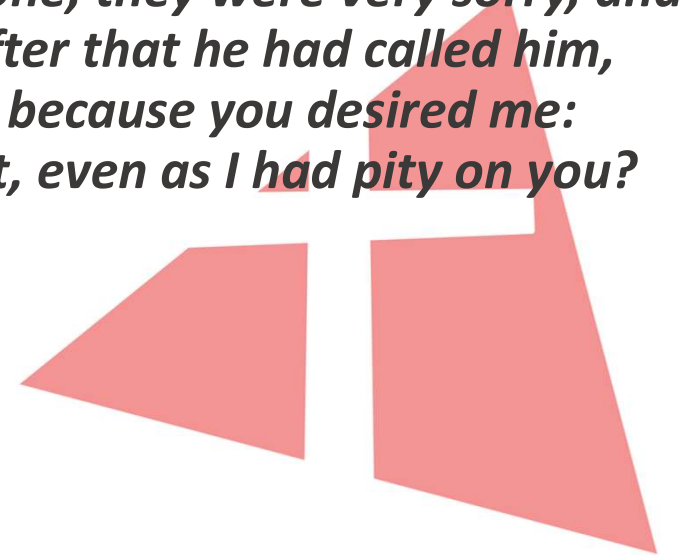
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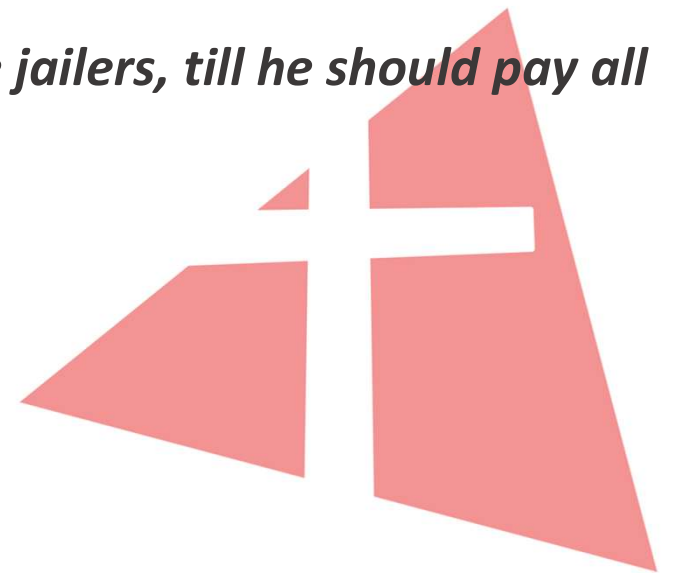
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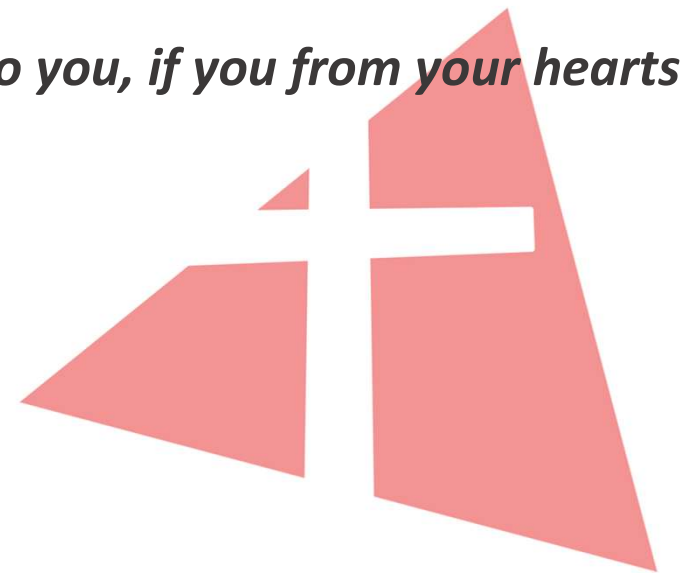
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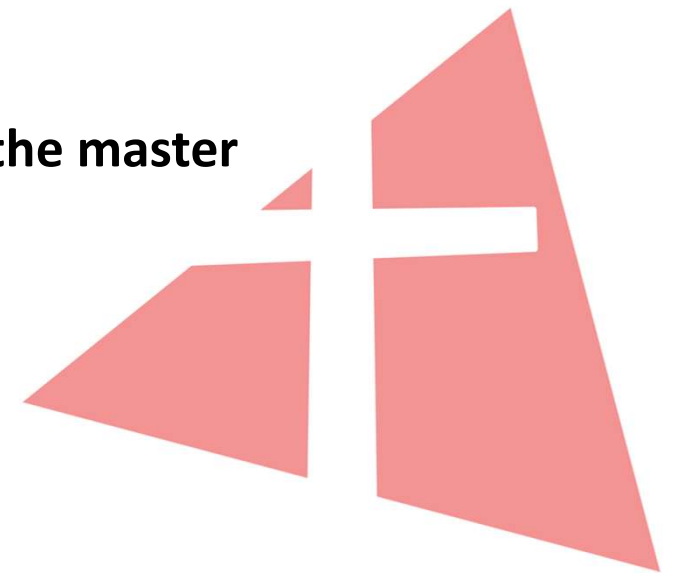
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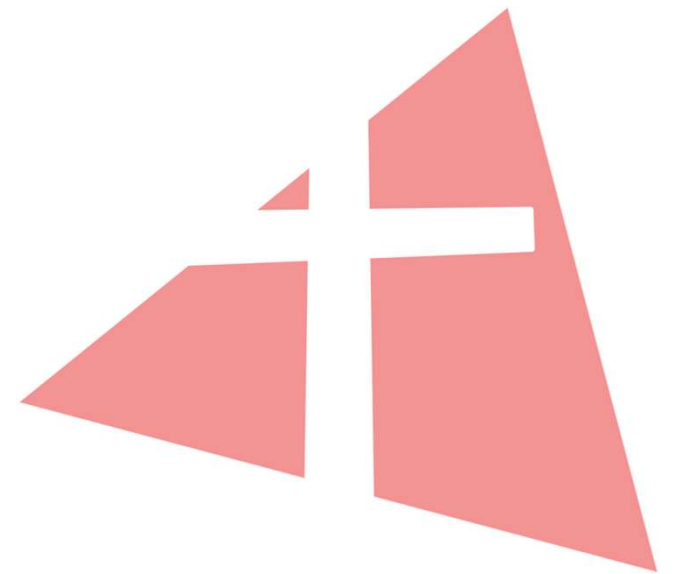
Receiving and Extending Forgiveness

- The debt of the 2nd servant was real
- The first servant could have found the resources to forgive in the master



The Real Question

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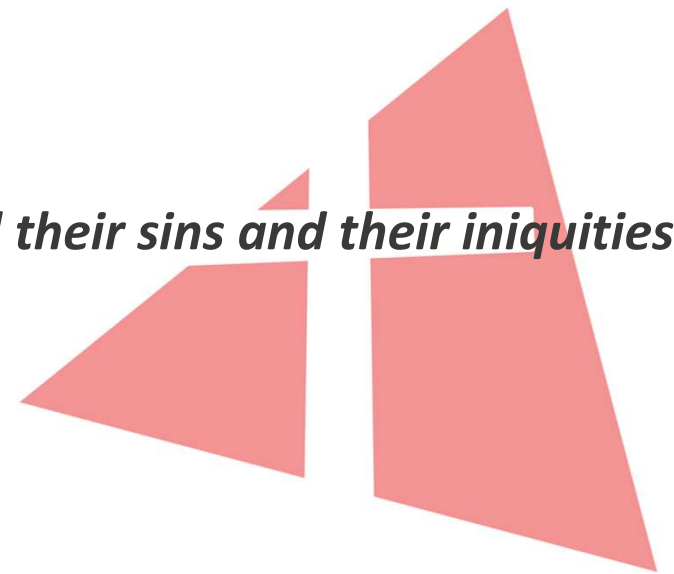


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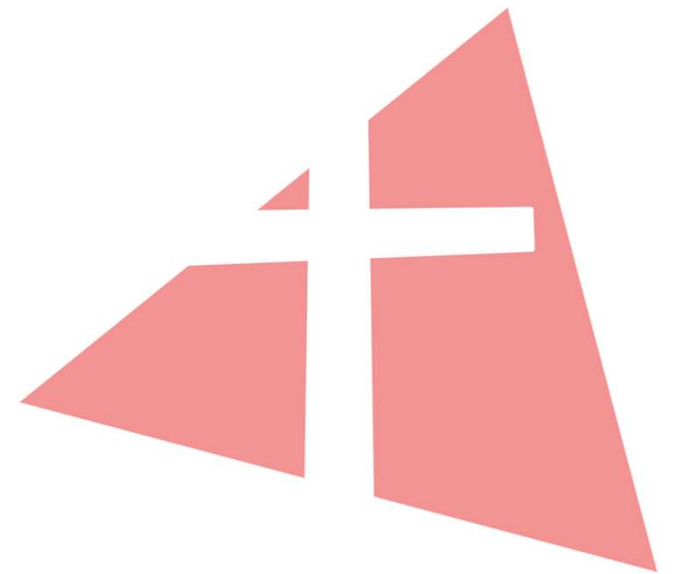
- Forgetting
- Pretending it never happened
- Purposely allowing ourselves to be hurt
- ...

Hebrews 8:12 For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more.



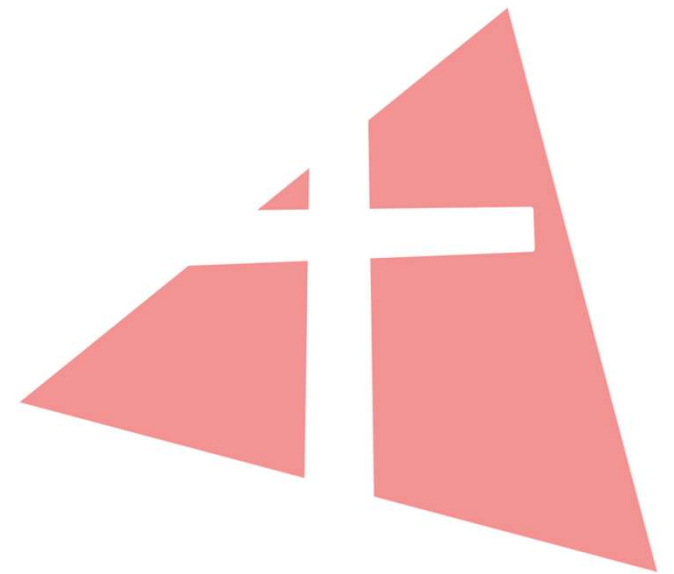
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- **Letting go of the right to revenge**



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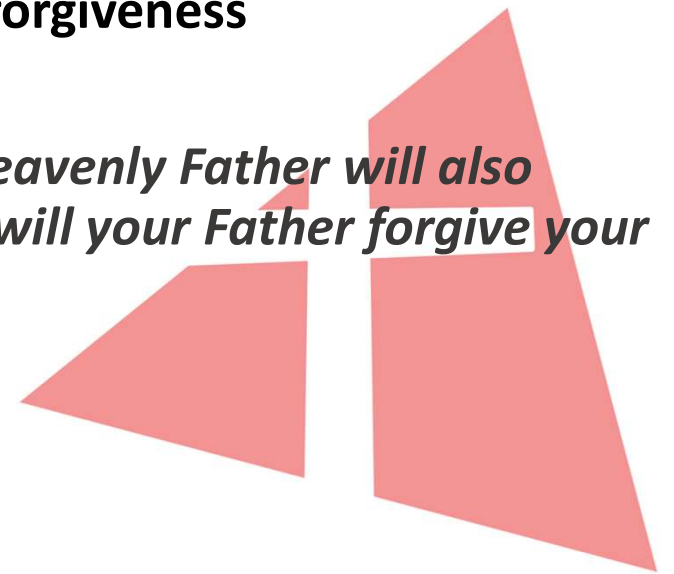
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The Choice

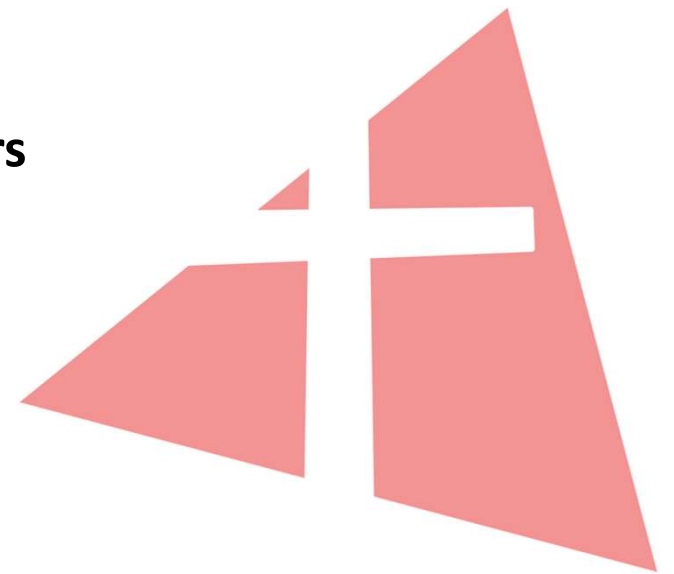
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Prayer

- **Asking God to show us again how sinful we are**
- **Asking God to give us the resources to be able to forgive others**



In Conclusion

- **Forgiveness starts with prayer**

