

Squaw Creek Baptist Church, Marion, IA.  
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SERMON OUTLINE 5/18/08

BIBLE PASSAGE: [Matthew 18:15-35](#)

TITLE: “FROM FORGIVEN TO FORGIVING”

INTRO:

1. We’ve all \_\_\_\_\_ or perhaps experienced the examples:
  - a. Imperfect or abusive parents.
  - b. An unfaithful marriage partner.
  - c. A dishonest business associate.
  - d. A back-stabbing gossip.
2. How do we respond?
3. Vertical forgiveness vs., horizontal forgiveness...

PROPOSITION: Forgive one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.

I. THE PERSON OF FORGIVENESS, [Psalm 103:1-5, 10-12](#).

A. The Heavenly Fulfillment Is \_\_\_\_\_.

B. The Human Demand Is Very \_\_\_\_\_.

II. THE PROCESS OF FORGIVENESS, [Matthew 18:21-35](#).

A The Limits Of Forgiveness, [verses 21-22](#).

1. Peter’s relevant question.

2. Jesus' amazing response.
    - a. Forgiveness has no \_\_\_\_\_ with regard to people, ie. Joseph, [Genesis 50:15-21](#).
    - b. Forgiveness has no limits with regard to particulars. Example-Philemon and Onesimus.
- B. The Lessons Of Forgiveness, [verses 23-35](#).
1. Understand the \_\_\_\_\_ of this parable.
  2. Unforgiveness is natural/Do you want to be natural? David and Saul-[I Samuel 24:8-12](#).
  3. Unforgiveness is hypocritical/Do you want to be hypocritical? [Verses 32-33](#). We want \_\_\_\_\_ for ourselves and demand \_\_\_\_\_ for others...
  4. Unforgiveness inflicts torment on the human spirit/Do you want inner torment? [Verse 34](#).
    - a. Chambers quote...[Proverbs 19:11 & 24:17](#).
    - b. McDonald comment/basement people or balcony people? [II Corinthians 4:7-10](#).
    - c. Understanding inner torment...
      - a \_\_\_\_\_ suffering great pain-[Matthew 8](#).
      - an agonizing man in hell-[Luke 16:23,24](#).
      - a tormented \_\_\_\_\_ in Sodom-[II Peter 2:8](#).
  5. The story of Aaron/seminary student...[Romans 12:14-19](#).

CONCLUSION:

1. Have you been forgiven?
2. Do you need to forgive? Are you a balcony or basement person?