

PART 2: Receive + Give Forgiveness

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START

We all enjoy a good revenge story. Movies have made millions of dollars by popularizing the revenge plot. From *Taken* with Liam Neeson to Disney's *Cinderella*. We love to see people get what they deserve. It gives a sense of justice or of fairness. Wanting revenge starts with holding onto a grudge, but when we hold onto a grudge we can't hold onto anything else.

- What is your favorite revenge movie?
- How does holding a grudge not allow you to hold onto anything else?

READ

[Matthew 18:21-22](#) (NIV)

Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?" Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times."

THINK

In the parable of the unmerciful servant, Jesus describes how we are to forgive because of the forgiveness that God has offered us. In order to give forgiveness we must always be willing to receive forgiveness.

- When have you been forgiven for something that you have done?
- When has there been a time when you have chosen not to forgive?
- How should God's example of forgiveness shape the way we forgive?
- What does it look like to forgive and still set appropriate boundaries?

PRAY

"God, help me forgive as you have forgiven. Knowing that you are a just God and you will give mercy where mercy is due. Help me to trust in your mercy and your justice."

ACT

This week, take a step to either give or receive forgiveness where you need to give or receive forgiveness.

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