

St David's Anglican Parish of Burnside
Children's Church
Activities

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Forgiveness



Gospel reading Mathew 18; 21-35

The parable of the unmerciful servant.

Jesus tells of a king settling accounts with his servants. One servant owes an enormous debt—ten thousand talents, equivalent to about 20 years of a laborer's wages per talent—but pleads for patience. The king, moved with compassion, forgives the entire debt

However, this same servant encounters a fellow servant who owes him a much smaller amount—a hundred denarii, roughly a day's wage. Instead of showing mercy, he demands repayment and has the man imprisoned. When the king learns of this, he rebukes the unforgiving servant and hands him over to be punished until he repays his debt

One day, Peter asked Jesus, "How many times should I forgive someone who sins against me? Should I forgive him seven times?"

Jesus answered, "Not seven times, but seventy times seven times!"

Jesus knew that if he said we should forgive seventy times seven times, we would never be able to keep count and we would forgive over, and over again, just as he forgives us.

We all need God's forgiveness. We also need to remember that Jesus taught that we are to forgive others just as God forgives us.

Prayer

Dear Father, we all sin and fall short. Thank you for sending Jesus to forgive us of our sins. Help us to forgive others the same way — over, and over again. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

Never-Ending Forgiveness

Psalms 23:5



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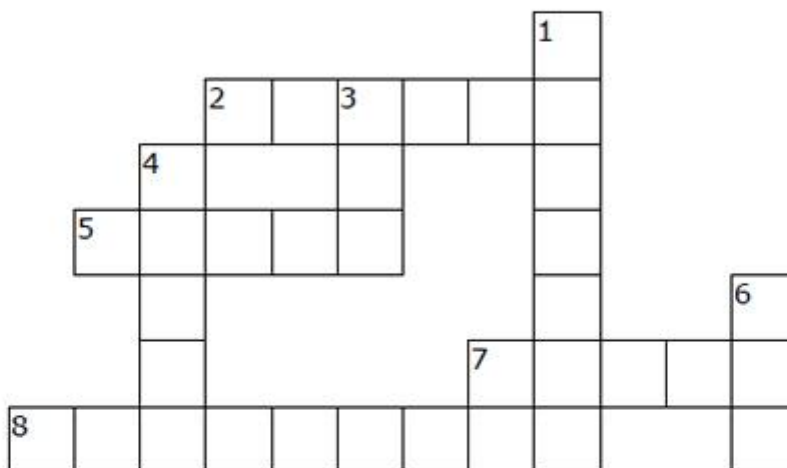


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Keep On Forgiving

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Based on Matthew 18:21-22



ACROSS

2. A statement given in reply to a question
5. The number that is equal to six plus one
7. The Son of God
8. To pardon someone for doing something wrong

DOWN

1. A male with the same parents as someone else
3. To break God's law
4. A fisherman who became one of Jesus' disciples
6. To seek an answer to a question

SEVEN	ASK	PETER	JESUS
BROTHER	FORGIVE	ANSWER	SIN

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Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.



1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
W	B	U	M	Y	J	E	L	F	P	S	G	V	K	C	D	Q	T	X	I	N	O	R	A	H	Z

- 11-20-21 _____
- 9-22-23-12-20-13-7 _____
- 24-11-14 _____
- 24-21-11-1-7-23 _____
- 10-7-18-7-23 _____
- 2-23-22-18-25-7-23 _____
- 11-7-13-7-21 _____
- 6-7-11-3-11 _____

FORGIVE BROTHER	SIN ASK	JESUS ANSWER	SEVEN PETER
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Match the words in the box with the correct definition.



1. _____ The number of times Peter thought you should forgive
2. _____ To seek an answer to a question
3. _____ A male who has the same parents as another person
4. _____ To excuse someone for an offense
5. _____ To break one of God's commandments
6. _____ One of Jesus' disciples
7. _____ To reply to a question
8. _____ The number of times Jesus said we should forgive

SEVEN	ANSWER	FORGIVE	SEVENTY-SEVEN
PETER	SIN	ASK	BROTHER

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H S L B N L O R D L L P K L P
B V I S I E X K L X W H S E W
D S U P T B N G O I I B N L F
F E Y Q I Z G C R T I M E S O
R V C C M E Y G E V U L O C R
X E M I E D S M A N Y Y I H G
W N A H S U D N S M A Z C B I
R Z I U S J K W C X R S Q H V
C Z L E A X W W L P H O K Y E
V S J I W H O C S M B P I E P
C O O Y J D A J Y L H I Z W D
Q F H P E T E R E V O F M D S
S I N S P S P Y F E W U H Z V
D N L W R B Q F I K Z D Q D W
N B R O T H E R W A B U X K N

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