



## Sunday Bible Study Guide | August 3, 2025

### Sermon

*Paid in Full - Pastor Jared Herd*

Scriptures: Matthew 18:21-35

Context: Pastor Jared taught us the need to live life from the heart. He shared that while we think we are intellectual creatures who have little capacity for emotion, we are actually emotional beings who, once in a while, have some capacity for the intellect. As a result, when we forgive, we need to forgive, not from the head, but from the heart.

### Mixer

Share about a time when you made a head (intellectual) decision when you should have made a heart (emotional or spiritual) decision.

### Questions

Observation: What does the passage say?

1. Read Matthew 18:21-22. When Peter asked how many times to forgive, what was the basis for his question and for the answer he offered? How did Jesus respond?
2. Read Matthew 18:23-24. In this parable (story), who do the king (v23), the king's servant (v24), and the fellow servant (v28) represent?

Interpretation: What does the passage mean?

1. When Jesus gives his response in verse 22, what does He mean?
2. In verse 27, what does the king's response represent relative to God's relationship with us?
3. In verses 28-30, how is the servant's actions toward his fellow servant representative of us?
4. In verses 32-34, what does the master's actions represent as it relates to us?

Application: How can we apply these passages to our lives?

1. What is the impact on us of turning the pain inward, and what is the impact of turning the pain outward?

2. What has or currently tends to be your approach (bitterness or revenge) to emotional pain you have experienced: Do you tend to drink the poison and pay yourself, or do you exhibit aggression (passive or otherwise) and make others pay?
  3. What are the ramifications of forgiving from our head but not from our heart?
  4. Pastor Jared shared that the cross becomes a conduit of the forgiveness we have received. Is there someone in your life you need to forgive as God forgave you? What steps will you take to forgive from your heart?
- 

## *Go First Together*

*Community shapes us, forms us, and reminds us we don't follow Jesus alone. But the deeper truth is this: God blesses us so we can be a blessing to others. As a leader, you have the opportunity to go first and invite your group to be part of something bigger than themselves. Whether it's serving our city, showing up for the next generation, or stepping into a lifestyle of generosity, these are the moments that shape disciples and change lives. Let's be the kind of church that doesn't wait to make a difference. Let's Go First together!*

## Your Circle Can Make An Impact With Prayer!

Celebrate some exciting news with us: 48 CRB'ers stepped into the waters of baptism this Sunday! God's mighty hand is upon each one of them and now we commit to lifting them up in prayer with thanksgiving for the good work He is going to complete in them; over the abundant life He has laid before them and the ordering of their steps; for His promise to be with them in the deep waters; and for His faithfulness to meet them in their stillness and let them know He is their God.

Want To Be Baptized? Next one is Sept 28!

