

Script – The Unforgiving Servant

Narrator: One day Jesus was teaching His disciples about God’s ways.

Peter: Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother when he sins against me? Up to seven times?

Jesus: Not just seven times Peter. You must forgive him seventy times seven. I will tell you a story to show what I mean.

Narrator: One day a king decided to find out how much money was owed to him. He looked at the list of names and how much each of them owed.

King: [to the guard] This man owes me nearly 10 million dollars. Bring him in!
[Servant 1 comes in]

King: You have owed this money to me for a long time. Now I want you to pay me what you owe me.

Servant 1: I am very sorry your majesty, but my business is not doing very well. I can not pay you now.

King: So your business is not doing well and you cannot pay me? Very well! Guard! Take this man and sell him as a slave. Sell his wife, his sons and his daughters. Sell everything that he has.

Servant 1: [on his knees] Please, your majesty. Give me another chance. I will work harder, and my sons will work to repay the debt. Please give me time, and I will pay what I owe you. Please show kindness to me and to my family.

King: [to himself] Poor man. If I sell him as a slave, his life will be very hard and he will not be able to live with his family.

King: I forgive your debt. I will cross out all that you owe.

Servant 1: Oh, how wonderful! Thank you! [exits the room]

Servant 1: [to himself] How kind the King was. He could have sold my family and I as slaves, but he crossed out all that I owe him. I do not have to pay back the money at all. [Servant 2 walks by...] There is that servant that owes money to me!

Servant 1: [to Servant 2] Finally I have caught you! Why haven’t you paid me what you owe me? You owe me 16 dollars! It has been a long time! I want my money, and I want it now!

Servant 2: Please sir. I am a poor man. My business is not doing very well. I can not pay you now. Please give me a little more time and I will pay you. Please show kindness.

Servant 1: Kindness? I will show kindness when I get that money. You want time? I will give you plenty of time to think about how you can get my money, while you sit in jail.

Servant 2: Please, give me more time.

Narrator: But the man would not listen and had him thrown into jail. Some of the king's guards were watching.

King's guard: I know both of these men. The king must be told what has happened.

King: [to the guard] Bring in that servant.

King: [angry] You wicked servant! I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?

King: [to the guard] Turn him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed.

Jesus: My heavenly Father willing forgives you. He wants you to truly forgive others.

The End