



The Lord is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Psalm 145:8

Looking Back . . .

<b>Sunday</b>	Matthew 18:21-35	The Unforgiving Servant
<b>Monday</b>	Psalm 133	The Blessedness of Unity
<b>Tuesday</b>	Romans 14:13-15:2	Do Not Make Another Stumble
<b>Wednesday</b>	Mark 11:20-25	The Lesson from the Withered Fig Tree

Looking Ahead . . .

<b>Thursday</b>	Psalm 145:1-8	The Greatness and the Goodness of God
<b>Friday</b>	2 Corinthians 13:1-4	Further Warning
<b>Saturday</b>	2 Corinthians 13:5-10	Further Warning
<b>Sunday</b>	Matthew 20:1-16	The Laborers in the Vinyard



Sometimes the receiving side of forgiveness can be more difficult! We might carry guilt about what we did to cause us to seek forgiveness. Or, like in the story, we might not really understand the gift that being forgiven can be! Often the question, "Why are we forgiven?" can be the most difficult. We may seek forgiveness because we have wronged someone in some way, but why do we receive forgiveness? Do we deserve it? Do we earn it? Or is forgiveness always a gift, something that is impossible to earn?

Challenge yourself this week to have a forgiving heart. Look at the world around you through the grace of God's love and forgiveness. Be compassionate, be kind and be forgiving, even when (no! especially when!) you would rather hold a grudge.

Faith on the Go



Merciful God, we praise you for the blessings you have given to us; our food, our homes, and our lives. Help us to live lives of mercy, generosity, and forgiveness. Amen.



When did you need forgiveness today?  
When did you forgive?



Matthew 18:21-35 - The Unforgiving Servant

Day 1

Matthew 18:21-22

Do you hold a grudge? Are you quick to forgive? Does it depend upon the person, the offense, both?

Day 2

Matthew 18:23

Why do you think that Jesus compares so many things to the Kingdom of heaven? What is Jesus' hope for us in this kingdom?

Day 3

Matthew 18:24-25

Does it seem fair to you that a person should be sold to pay off their debt? What might be a modern equivalent of selling a person as a slave?

Day 4

Matthew 18:26-30

Have you ever begged forgiveness for something, then refused to forgive in the next moment? Maybe at work, or with a group of friends?

Day 5

Matthew 18:31-35

Forgiveness should beget forgiveness. Is what the master does appropriate to the action of the servant?



Be at peace in God's forgiveness.