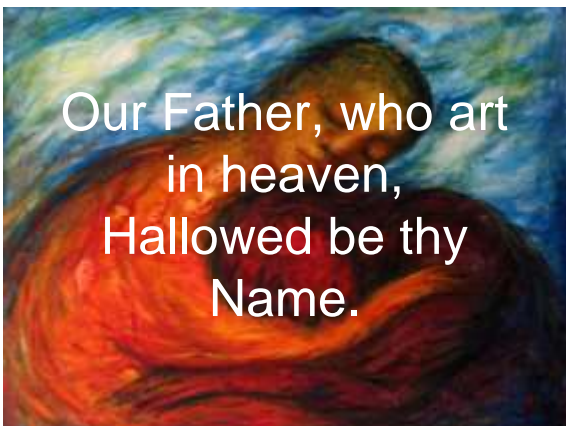






The Lord's Prayer:

The Freedom of Forgiveness



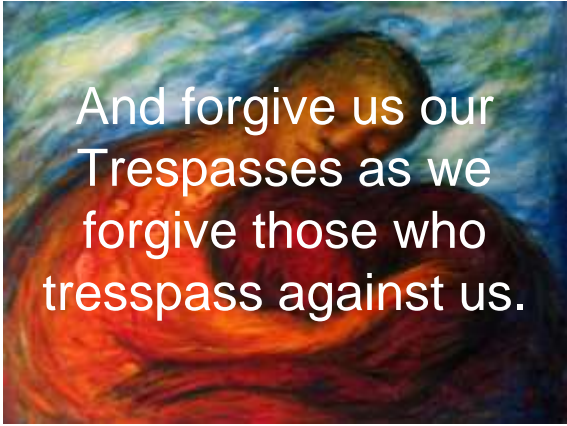
Our Father, who art
in heaven,
Hallowed be thy
Name.



Thy Kingdom come,
Thy will be done, on
earth as it is in
Heaven.



Give us this day, our
daily bread;



And forgive us our
Trespases as we
forgive those who
tresspass against us.



Lead us not into
temptation, but
deliver us from evil.



For thine is the
Kingdom, the Power
and the Glory
forever!
Amen.









I. Exodus Connection: The Year of Jubilee.
Freedom from Debt
=
Year of Jubilee (*Year of Celebration and Joy*)
Leviticus 25 & 27

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US National Debt:
\$16,733,161,000,000
(*Sixteen TRILLION + and growing!*)
-> \$53,000 per citizen,
-> \$147,000 per tax payer
*USDebtClock.org

I. Exodus Connection: The Year of Jubilee.
US Personal Debt:
• Average credit card debt per person for the US is **\$7,122**
• Average credit card debt among those who HAVE debt: **\$15,266**
• Average student loan debt: **\$32,559**
• Average mortgage debt: **\$149,667**
From nerdwallet.com

I. Exodus Connection: The Year of Jubilee.

US Personal Debt:

- *So if you have credit cards, student loans and a mortgage, and you are an "average" person in that state in the US, you owe \$197,492!*

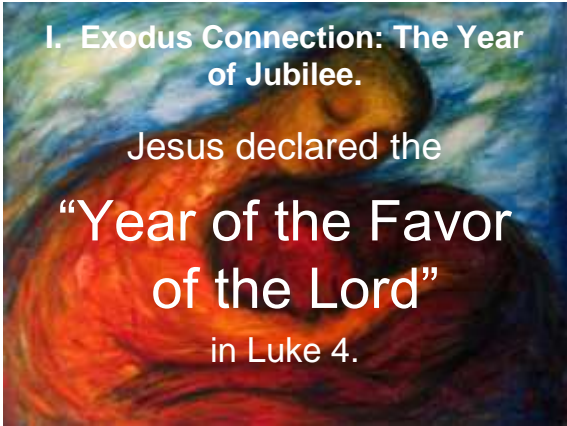
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The Declaration of Independence says:

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

I. Exodus Connection: The Year of Jubilee.

The Year of Jubilee never happened.

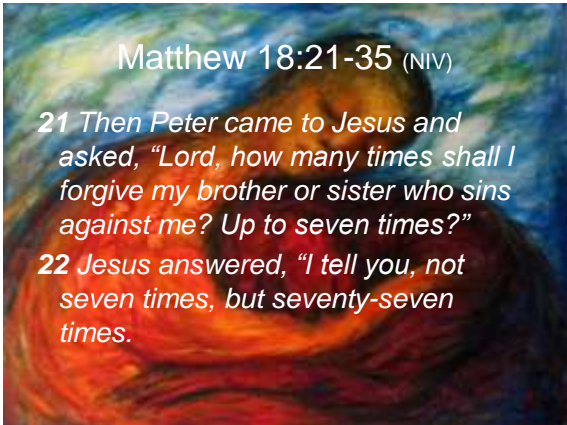


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Jesus declared the
“Year of the Favor
of the Lord”
in Luke 4.



II. New Testament Connection:
The Unforgiving Servant



Matthew 18:21-35 (NIV)

21 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?”

22 Jesus answered, “I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.

Matthew 18:21-35 (NIV)

23 "Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. 24 As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold was brought to him. 25 Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt.

Matthew 18:21-35 (NIV)

26 "At this the servant fell on his knees before him. 'Be patient with me,' he begged, 'and I will pay back everything.' 27 The servant's master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go.

Matthew 18:21-35 (NIV)

28 "But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins. He grabbed him and began to choke him. 'Pay back what you owe me!' he demanded.

Matthew 18:21-35 (NIV)

29 "His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.'

30 "But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. **31** When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened.

Matthew 18:21-35 (NIV)

32 "Then the master called the servant in. 'You wicked servant,' he said, 'I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to.' **33** Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?' **34** In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed.

Matthew 18:21-35 (NIV)

35 "This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart."



II. New Testament Connection:
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Unforgiveness hurts
you most and has little
if ANY effect on the
person you have not
forgiven.



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But it may do a
LOT of *damage* to the
innocent people
around you that you
love.



II. New Testament Connection:
The Unforgiving Servant

Who are you having a difficult
time forgiving?

Write their name or initials down on a scrap
of paper.



**III. Real Life Application:
Unforgiveness Keeps You in
Bondage!**



Mark 11: 25-26 (NIV)

25 Whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone, so that your Father who is in heaven will also forgive your transgressions. 26 [But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father who is in heaven forgive your transgressions.]



**III. Real Life Application:
Unforgiveness Keeps You in
Bondage!**

- I need 5 volunteers....



**III. Real Life Application:
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Bondage!**

- The Teacher that called you “stupid.”
- The classmate that bullied you.
- The Mother that abandoned you.
- The alcoholic father that beat you.



**III. Real Life Application:
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Bondage!**

- Where you have NOT FORGIVEN you have covered and “protected” that area of your life from God’s forgiveness, healing and power.
- That area is an area of Bondage and Control in your life!



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–You are having a “warm
fuzzy moment.”



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–You are releasing all judgments against them.



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–You are FREE!



What do we do now?

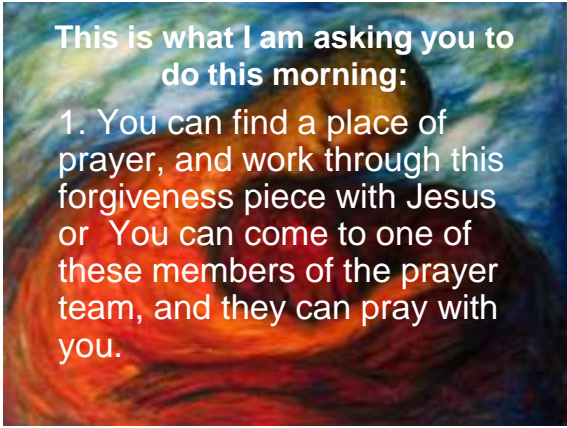
You can't really forgive
those **BIG HURTS** on
your own!

You need God's help!



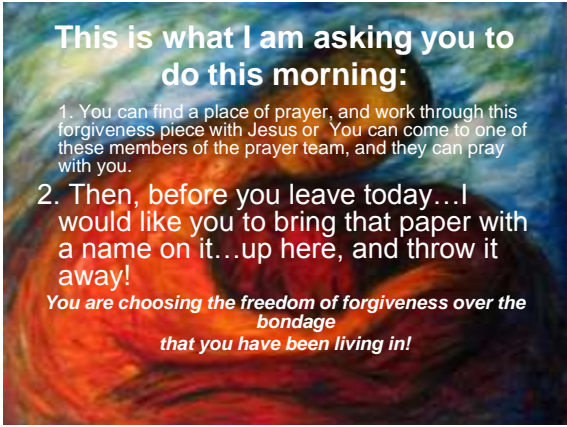
What do we do now?

If God is poking at your heart
about some one, or some
area of unforgiveness, I
want to encourage you
today, do not leave with out
taking care of this with
Jesus!



This is what I am asking you to do this morning:

1. You can find a place of prayer, and work through this forgiveness piece with Jesus or You can come to one of these members of the prayer team, and they can pray with you.



This is what I am asking you to do this morning:

1. You can find a place of prayer, and work through this forgiveness piece with Jesus or You can come to one of these members of the prayer team, and they can pray with you.
2. Then, before you leave today...I would like you to bring that paper with a name on it...up here, and throw it away!

You are choosing the freedom of forgiveness over the bondage that you have been living in!



Matthew 6:12 (NASB)

'And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.'