

## “ARE YOU A PRISONER LIVING IN THE FREE WORLD?” (The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant – Matthew 18:21-35)

**Context:** When any believer refuses to forgive, it puts them into a spiritual prison!  
Jesus used a parable to teach forgiveness.

### I. THE COMPASSIONATE KING

*\*Matthew 18:23-24   \*Matthew 18:25-27   \*Galatians 2:16   \*Isaiah 43:25*  
*\*Hebrews 10:17   \*Isaiah 1:18   \*Psalm 86:5*

**Note:** This king represents God!

**Note:** This servant’s forgiveness represents God’s grace.

### II. THE UNFORGIVING SERVANT

*\*Matthew 18:28-30   \*Ephesians 4:32*

**Note:** This servant represents Christians who will not forgive!

### III. THE OBSERVING SERVANTS

*\*Matthew 18:31-35   \*Matthew 18:15-16   \*Mark 11:25-26*  
*\*Hebrews 12:15   \*Luke 23:34*

**Note:** People are watching how we live.

**Note:** An unforgiving person lives in a prison of torment.

**Note:** Forgiveness must be given to all.