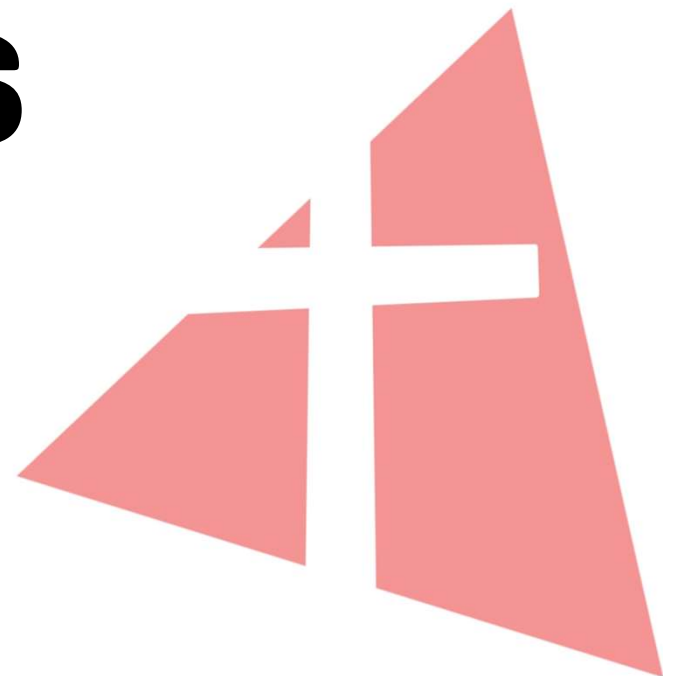


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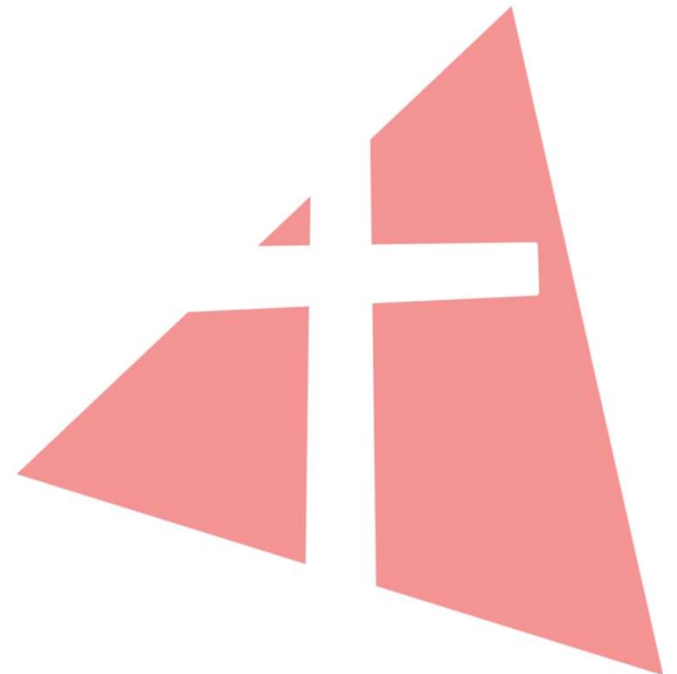
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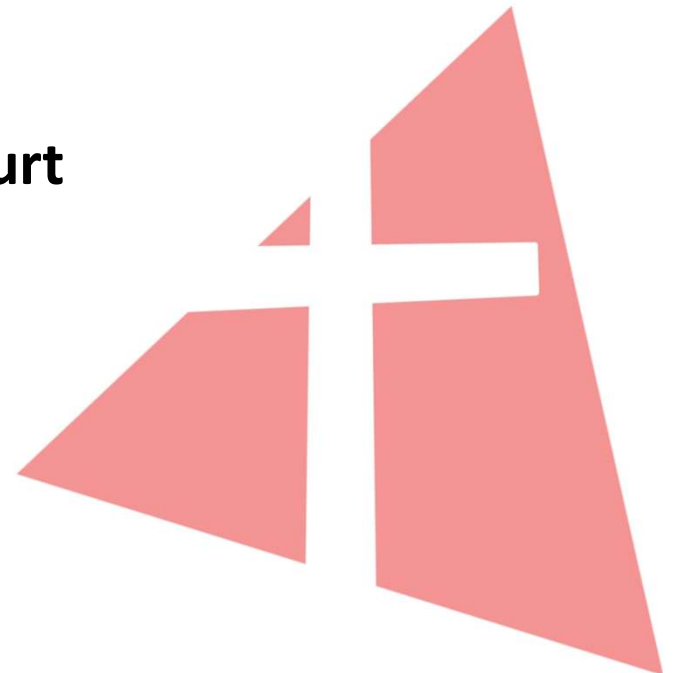
# **FORGIVENESS**

- **Forgiveness and Relationships**



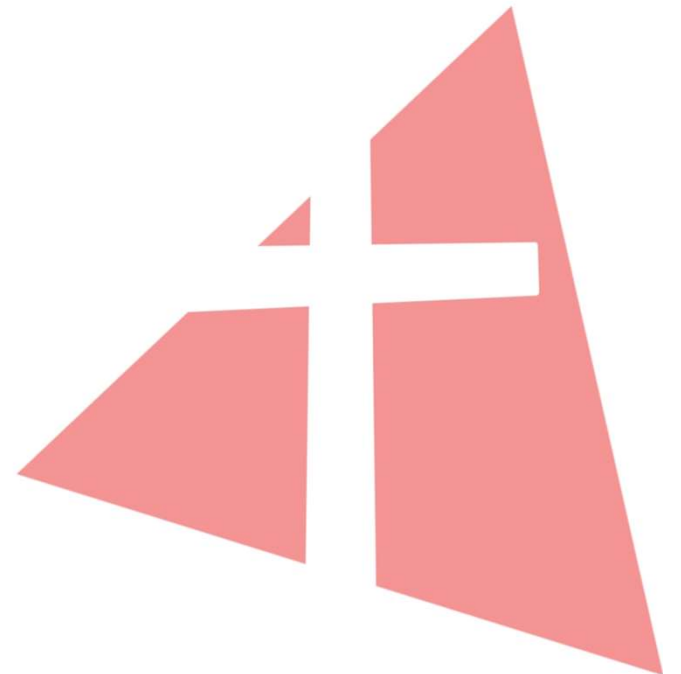
# WHAT IS FORGIVENESS NOT?

- **“Forgive and forget”**
- **Deny that “something happened”**
- **Going back into the same situation we got hurt**
- **Reconciliation**



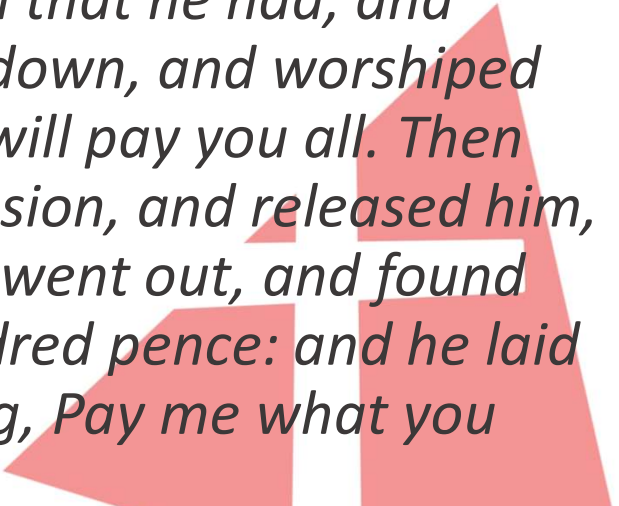
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- Letting go of our right to revenge



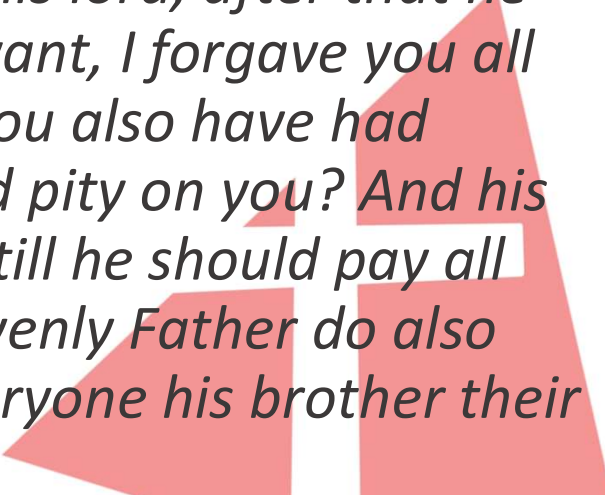
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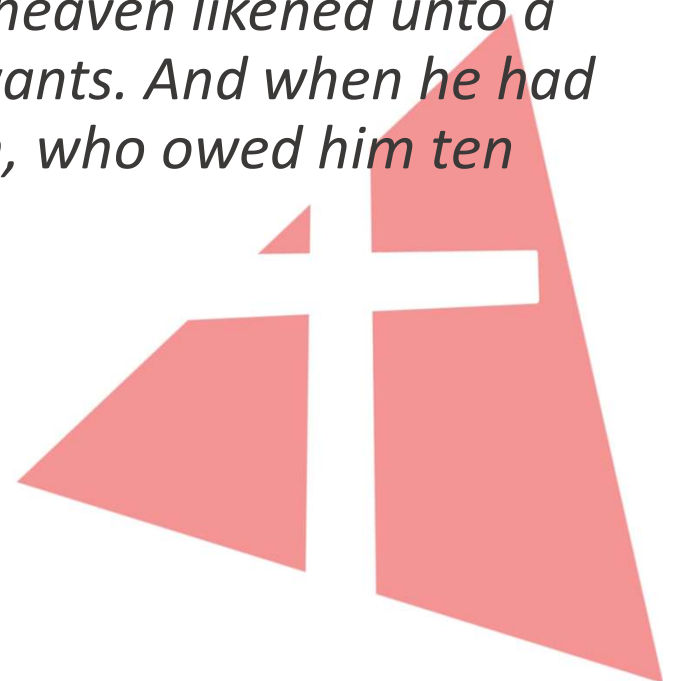
# JESUS ON FORGIVENESS

*And his fellow servant fell down at his feet, and besought him, saying, Have patience with me, and I will pay you all. And he would not: but went and cast him into prison, till he should pay the debt. So when his fellow servants saw what was done, they were very sorry, and came and told unto their lord all that was done. Then his lord, after that he had called him, said unto him, O you wicked servant, I forgave you all that debt, because you desired me: Should not you also have had compassion on your fellow servant, even as I had pity on you? And his lord was angry, and delivered him to the jailers, till he should pay all that was due unto him. So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if you from your hearts forgive not everyone his brother their trespasses.*



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# THE PENALTY

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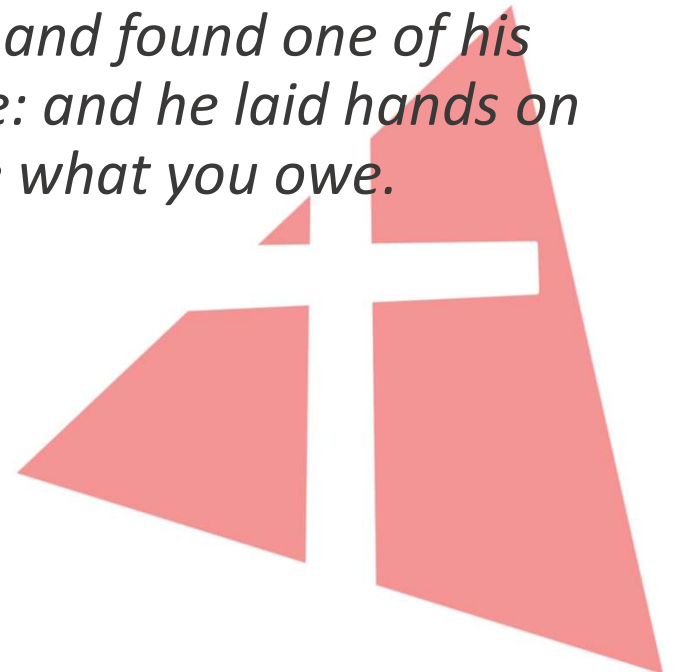
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# THE OTHER SERVANT

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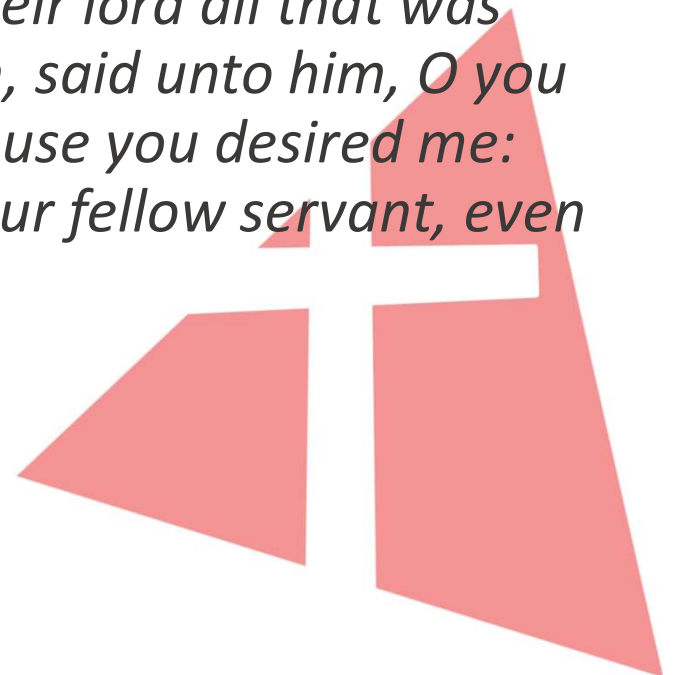
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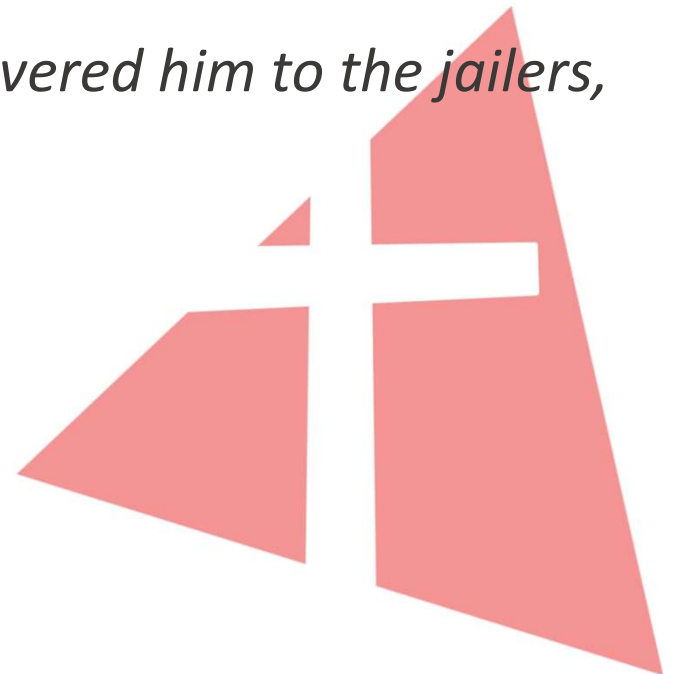
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# JESUS' CONCLUSION

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# JUDGEMENT

*Matthew 7:2 For with what judgment you judge, you shall be judged:  
and with what measure you measure, it shall be measured to you  
again.*



# THE 10.000 TALENTS

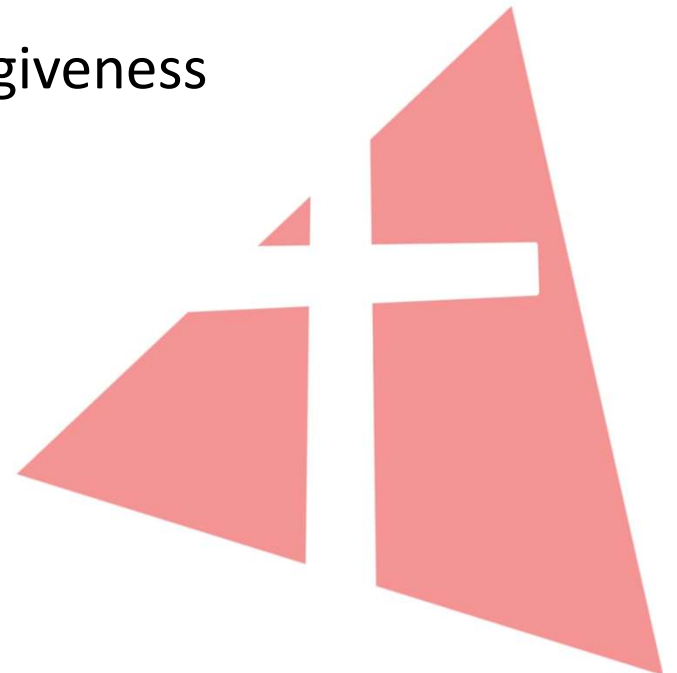
- Why is Bernd stressing the “We are evil” message over and over again?



# FORGIVENESS

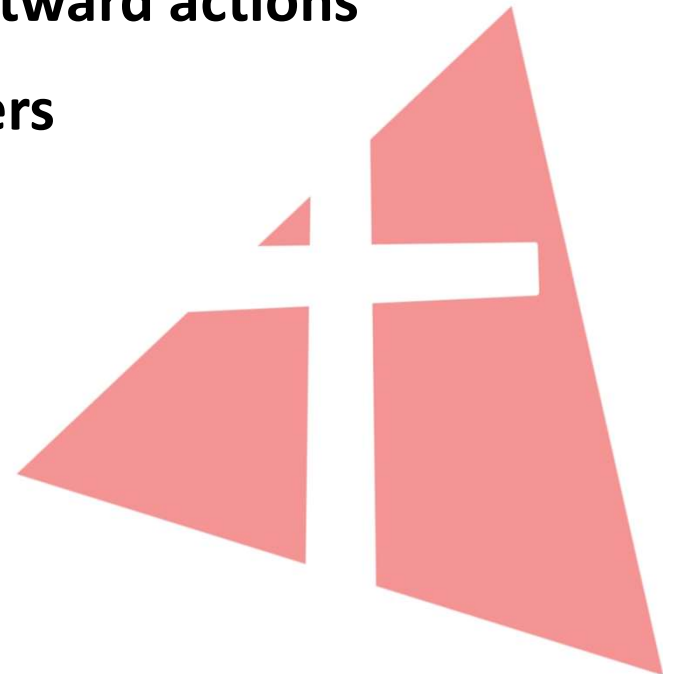
- **Forgiveness is a difficult topic**

- There are many misconceptions about forgiveness
- It's a matter of the heart
- It's a long process



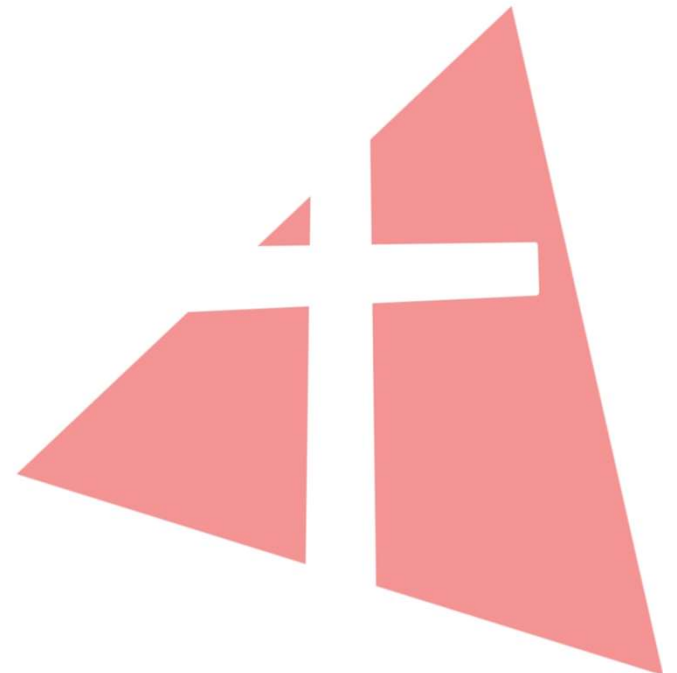
# POSSIBLE SIGNS OF UNFORGIVENESS

- **Looking down on people because of their outward actions**
- **Comparing our works with the works of others**
- **General lack of trust**



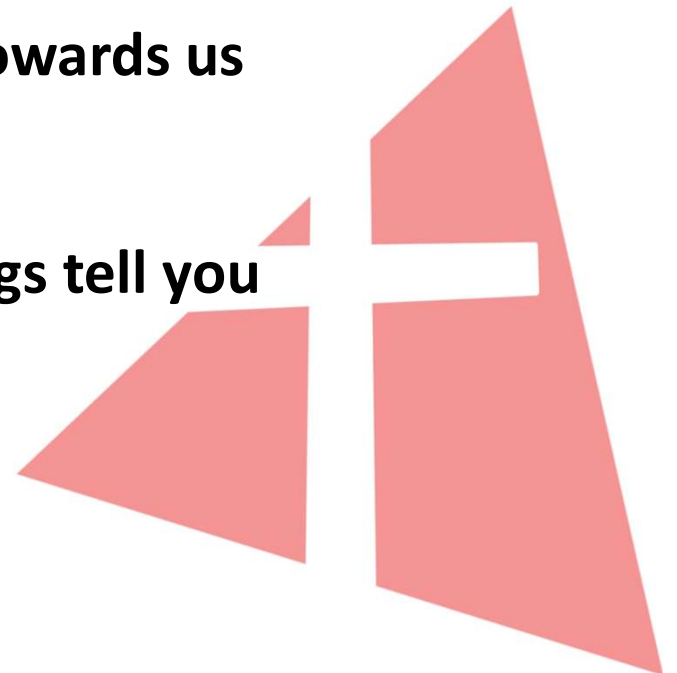
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- **Avoidance of past experiences**
- **Sudden emotional reactions**
- **Blaming**
- **...**



# WHAT CAN WE DO?

- **Confess our own sinfulness first**
- **Ask God for a revelation of His forgiveness towards us**
- **Ask God to change our hearts**
- **Make a decision, no matter what your feelings tell you**



# IN CONCLUSION

- **Forgiveness is key to our relationship with God**
- **Forgiveness is also key to healthy friends and healthy families**
- **Forgiveness is evidence of Faith**

