



**God's Indescribable Gift: \_\_\_\_\_ Freely \_\_\_\_\_!**

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Text: Matthew 18:21-35

**Passage Summary:** While we live in a world that can often be characterized as dark and cold, there is a \_\_\_\_\_ from God that can \_\_\_\_\_ the heart of every human being who is willing to receive it: Forgiveness freely flows!

**180 Degree Truth #1:** See that the gift of God's \_\_\_\_\_ was made \_\_\_\_\_ when He sent Jesus to this earth some 2,000 years ago! (18:21-35)

**Application:** Recognize that when it comes to the gift of God's forgiveness, it...

- Is a \_\_\_\_\_! (21-22)

**Remember:** When it comes to the gift of God's forgiveness, while it is a limitless proposition on the one hand, neither is it intended to be a \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ on the other; God will still deal with the unrepentant sinner's heart, and has even given the church a role to play in the process!

- Springs from a very humble awareness of the impossible \_\_\_\_\_ Christ has \_\_\_\_\_ to forgive us! (v.23-33)

**Remember:** When it comes to the gift of God's forgiveness, "the key to that forgiveness is to stop focusing on what others have done \_\_\_\_\_ us and focus instead on what Jesus has done \_\_\_\_\_ us." Michael Wilkins

- Is \_\_\_\_\_ by a holy and healthy \_\_\_\_\_ of God! (v.34-35)

**Remember:** When it comes to the gift of God's forgiveness, it serves as one of the \_\_\_\_\_ that we have truly been forgiven in Christ; so bring your hurt, pain, bitterness and resentment to Him, so through you, His forgiveness can \_\_\_\_\_ to others!

**Core Conviction to Live By:** Resolutely determine this Christmas that you will not allow Satan to outwit you or the body of Christ you call home; the call to forgiveness is never an easy one, but it truly is one of the greatest gifts we could ever \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_!

*"And you, my child, will be called a prophet of the Most High; for you will go on before the Lord to prepare the way for him, to give his people the knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of their sins..."*

**Luke 1:76-77**

*"The world's worst prison is the prison of an unforgiving heart. If we refuse to forgive others, then we are only imprisoning ourselves and causing our own torment. Some of the most miserable people I have met in my ministry have been people who would not forgive others. They lived only to imagine ways to punish these people who had wronged them. But they were really only punishing themselves."*

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