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**J E S U S**

**F O L L O W E R S**



*Freedom of*  
**FORGIVENESS**



**PREACH AT  
ALL TIMES,  
AND USE  
WORDS IF  
NECESSARY**



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**Matthew 18:23-25**



**26 So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.'** **27 And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt.** **28 But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.'**

**Matthew 18:26-28**



**29 So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.'** **30 He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt.** **31 When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place.**

**Matthew 18:29-31**



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**Matthew 18:32-35**



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**34 And Jesus  
said, “Father, forgive  
them, for they know not what  
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**Luke 23:34**



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**<sup>10</sup> He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. <sup>11</sup> For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; <sup>12</sup> as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.**

**Psalm 103:10-12**



**12 For I will be merciful toward  
their iniquities, and I will  
remember their sins no more.**

**Hebrews 8:12**



**32 Be kind to one another,  
tenderhearted, forgiving  
one another, as God in  
Christ forgave you.**

**Ephesians 4:32**



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