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something that's like, I'll do better next time on that one? Or even imposter syndrome, you know, where you actually do a pretty good job, but you feel like you're, you know, he created everything. He said it was good. Did he say it to himself? If only they knew. I ain't going to let y'all in on all my prayers with the Lord because y'all will judge me. But let's do a quick recap. So we got over here, we got the spring feasts. We got Passover, Week of Unleavened Bread, and the Feast of Firstfruits packaged nicely into about a week. That's one pilgrimage to Jerusalem. I like to bring this up because we have people all the time learning in the faith. And we got this lonely little feast day by itself, Shavuot, Pentecost. You'll read about that experience in Acts chapter 2, second pilgrimage to Jerusalem. And over here in the fall, the fall. These feast days, longer than a week, we have Yom Teruah, the Feast of Trumpets, also known as Rosh Hashanah, Head of the Year. We have 10 days, and then we have Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, the Day of At-Wonement. Five days later, Feast of Tabernacles, Sukkot, followed by a Simchat Torah right here at the end. Third pilgrimage to Jerusalem. So, Yeshua's already demonstrated for us the Spring Feasts. He's fulfilled those, the death, burial, and resurrection feasts. Then he gave us the Holy Spirit on Shavuot. And over here on the fall, we're still getting ready for him. We're still getting ready for him. So we just celebrated Yom Teruah, Feast of Trumpets. We got these 10 days that Julia was talking about, the 10 days of awe, the time of self-reflection, repentance. And then we have Yom Kippur, the Sabbath of Sabbaths, the holiest day of the year. But before that... These 10 days. Guys, this message I want to share with you, it ain't an easy message. You ain't going to like it. I know this because as I kind of practiced it, I got madder and madder. It is not in your nature, not in your flesh nature, to want to do things against pride, against self-preservation, against your personal success. But I'm going to bring to you Matthew 18. For those of you who are still studying your scriptures early on, Matthew 18 is critical for you to know and understand. It is an immediately applicable protocol for how to deal with brothers and sisters, family, the family and the faith. The first half of Matthew 18 deserves its own message. But to paraphrase, it goes something like this. When you experience an offense, the ball is in your court to let the offender know. The offender does not always know they have offended. So you come to the offender and you stepped on my toe. I didn't like it. They got a choice at this point. Oh, really? My bad. I'm sorry. And they ask for forgiveness of which you'll give or they'll blow you off. Now, because they have that option of rejecting you, most of us don't want to take something. We're offended. The offender has offended us. Do they do it intentionally or not? I don't know. Heck, I don't want to take it to them. Let it be known that I was hurt and offended and sensitive and then say, no. So for that reason, at least among others, that's why we don't do it. But the ball is still in your court. You cannot sit offended and just sit offended. You have to let it be known. It's only fair. So you take it to this person. If they don't respond in a way that's good for reconciliation, you level up. You escalate it to some brothers and sisters within your circle of church. And you just take it to the next level. Guys, listen. They stepped on my toe. I told them. They didn't care. It still hurts. And they will try to get that reconciliation. And then it gets to a level that I just don't understand. You're supposed to bring it before the church or a.k.a. church leadership still in private. There's a way to do this. I stepped on my toe. Everybody talked to them. They wouldn't listen. And you have to get some reconciliation that way. And God forbid they get to a place where they can't come back to fellowship because they stepped on people's toes. So that's the first part of Matthew 18. Terrible paraphrasing. Deserves its own message. Please read it and understand it. So it's proper protocol for reconciliation within the family. This is a family message. Then there's the second half of Matthew 18. I want to set the scene. Jesus is talking to his disciples. He's talking to Christians.

He's not talking to just anyone. That's what makes this message particularly difficult. I'm going to paraphrase. Y'all can get my version. Jesus starts this parable speaking to his disciples. He says, there's a king who wants to settle his accounts with the servants, all of which owe different sums of money. Calls in the first servant. It's time to pay up. We have a balance. I'd like to call that into account. It's a staggering amount, more than the man could possibly pay, millions. He says, I can't pay it. I can't pay it yet, king. No. Sell him. Sell him and his wife and his children and all that he has. Sell it. And that can go toward the debt. Oh, please, king, almighty one, please be patient with me. I can do it. I can do it. I can pay you back. Please, please don't sell me off. The king's moved in pity. Okay, I'll show you grace and mercy. But boy, you did a good job. I forgive you all of your debt, all the millions. All the interest, I'm forgiving you. The balance is clear. Almighty King, you're so amazing. Thank you so much. The servant leaves, immediately finds a fellow servant, a second servant. Scripture says, and he chokes him, pay me that smaller amount of money, thousands of dollars, pay me. You owe me. That second servant says, please, please be patient with me. I will, I will pay you back. I can't. But the first servant isn't moved. And says, Share it again with your fellow servant. And for this, I will turn you over to the jailers to be tortured until you pay back every cent. End of parable. And Jesus says to his disciples, this is what my father will do to you if you do not forgive your brothers and your sisters from the heart. This is harsh. So let's unpack this parable, shall we? So the king, God. That's fair. Servants, us. Who did jailer give that to the devil? He fits this fist role. Antagonist. What is jail? So if the jailer is going to torture, jail, since it's dealing with a lesson of forgiveness, we'll say it's the offense. And so now I want to paint the picture of what it looks practically. Somebody does something to my brother, Brad here, pick on you. Get that privilege. Don't you? I do something makes him mad, really irritating, hurts his credibility, his Hurts him. Hurts him. Makes him mad. So he's sitting there mad. Could forgive him. But what do we do? Not yet. Forgiveness ain't easy. As time goes on for a moment, he might forget about that offense. Ah, but the jailer who he gave to Satan, Hasatan. See, Satan's also known as the reminder of wrongs. The prosecutor in the courts. The one that brings up the offense often. So he'll take that shank and reach into jail. You remember what he did? Yeah, I do. And it hurts. Rewind, play. Remember? He does this day after day, reminding you of the offense. And Brad might find himself ruminating. You don't ever ruminate, do you, brother? It's complete torture. It is torture. Hearing the offense, rewind, play. Rewind, play. Rewind, play. Satan's doing his job. He's really good at it. Just as you get a moment of relief, it's torture. It is torture. Especially if you've experienced a real offense. Family or somebody you cared about or trusted. Man, it hurts. Jesus tells us the key is between our feet. I won't pick up that key. I'll forgive them. Let's say we pick up the key and we forgive them. Satan hadn't quit his job. He good at it. So you done forgave him and you get reminded again. Here's the hardest thing about true forgiveness. It's not a one-time thing. It's constant. And some days it's hard to forgive and keep that momentum. But this being a message of forgiveness, that's too easy. To forgive is too easy. We're going to level it up. We're going to look at Jesus. He's up on the cross. She was up on the cross. He's surrounded by folks that are mocking him, spitting at him, offending him. And he does something absolutely insane. He forgives them. And then he intercedes for them. Father, forgive them. They know not what they do. What are you doing? They're doing this to you. Actively doing this to you. And you're forgiving them in real time and interceding. So you know how hard it is to forgive. And how hard it is to get somebody to pray for other people. And how hard it is to get people to pray in such a way that they're in that spot of that person. Intercessor. but to intercede for the one who is immediately offending you. Let's put a pin in there. Let's call that Christ-like

intercession. Gold coin, it's up there. Very rare, very valuable. Doesn't happen much at all. Who are we supposed to be like? Pin that. Let's try to apply that. Let's say old Brad, my dear brother, he's offended. Somebody's bothering him. He's working on I forgive you. I forgive you. Let's level it up and intercede for the offender. That sorry brother of mine, Jason, he did such and such. I forgive him. And Lord, I pray that you will help him see that he don't step on people's toes anymore, that he'll quit that, that whatever is hurting him for him to hurt others, because hurt people hurt people. Christy Bush, is that right? Whatever it is in his life that he needs to be better. to get past his hurt, that he doesn't offend others. Whatever it is, Father, I lift them up. In that moment, as hard as it is against flesh, you've forgiven them and you're interceding for them. Who does this imitate? It imitates Christ. So I'm going to take you into my imagination. Where I picture in heaven, the angel's like, did you see that? Father, did you see that? Did you see that? Father's like, I did. I did see that. And it reminds me of my boy, I think this one's about to get a whole handful of blessing. See, guys, what we find is that any time you remind heaven or creation of the Messiah, you get movement. Consider this like a nuclear bomb in the spiritual realm. To be able to be offended, forgive, then intercede as a royal priesthood, you're called to be. See, we know priest's job is to mediate between man and God. King's job is to mediate between man and man. And Christ is our king and priest forever. He's trying to keep everybody getting along. You know, I imagine the father often like at a big family gathering, big family dinner. Lots of people, lots of people, family, in-laws, outlaws. Just big, big, big. And he's resourced everything. The house, the castle, the food, everything. And what do you want? You want everybody to have a good time and you want peace. But they are arguing over here. They had to do nothing for this meal. They had to do nothing for this fellowship. They had to do nothing for this family. Why are they bickering over here? And this one over here, it's almost worse. They're passive aggressive. They're offended and they're squirreling it away for a rainy day. And you're sitting there as the father. This gets irritating. Because what does the Father want? He wants peace, joy. He wants what we want. And he knows what it's going to take to get there. I want to go back to Christ-like level intercession. His work is hard, yeah. So he did it one time. Brad has forgiven Jason. He's interceded. Until Satan comes along and does what he does so well. You remember? You remember. You're like, yeah, yeah, I remember. I forgive. I forgive. And not only do I forgive, but once again, Father, I lift up Jason. I pray for your hand in his life, that you will meet every need, meet him where he is, and bring him to a better version of himself, whatever it is he needs. Specifically, usually interceding for that offense. And then Satan, doing a great job, will continue to faithfully remind you to intercede as you should. See, that is the proper function of Because we know that we're supposed to forgive, commanded to do that, not commanded to trust. That's a different topic. I'll pause for just a minute. I'm going to do a little exit. When Yeshua is up on the cross and he forgives the people and he intercedes for them, that is forgiveness and intercession. Over here on the side, John, behold, mom. Mom, behold, John. He gave them to one another to look after each other because he didn't trust those rats. Trust is a different thing. You know how you love a porcupine? From a distance. Every time you get close to this person you trust and you get hurt, use some wisdom. Indiscretion in your trust is foolishness. I only had to put that in there because a lot of people feel like if you genuinely forgive someone, you can trust them again. That's not necessarily the case at all. Nuclear bomb.

When you do Christ-like intercession, accepting offense and specifically forgiving and specifically interceding for that. All right, so... We got people out there that keep praying, God, use me. He goes, all right. So we got Ronald Lee over here. Ronald Lee got something about her that God wants to work on. Or better yet, here's something here. Somebody on the

outside. We're going to make her a good guy. Tina. I don't know no Tinas here. So Tina's over here on the side, and God wants to do a work in her. Maybe she calls people names, ugly names, or negative, or just crushes people. God says, I want to do a work in this person's life. I got Ronald Lee over here saying, Lord, use me. All right. I am going to allow Tina to offend Ronald Lee. And she's going to do what she's supposed to and drop a nuclear bomb on this topic. Tina comes along at some point, calls Ronald Lee a bee. Bothers Ronald Lee a lot. Maybe it's a trigger. Who knows? Really bothers her a lot. So she immediately feels the sting of offense. It's there and it's real and it's okay to feel it. It's unavoidable. And then she chooses to, okay, I heard this principle. I'm going to try to apply it. I'm going to apply it. I forgive Tina for saying said thing. And Father, I pray for healing in Tina's life and in her mind and in her spirit so such things do not pour from her heart ever again. She can have a relationship with you as she should. And this nuclear bomb happens and begins to destroy these evil principalities and powers in her life. That's what we do, isn't it? So that's what God's counting on because he's given us the title and he's given us the job of being priests, intercessors. He's given us all of these tasks to do. We don't do it. A lot of us, like Randall Lee might be, sit over here mad and hurt and reminded over and over and over of the pain and experience torture. So when we're not doing what we're supposed to be doing, we feel torture. This is a tough message because it gets deeper. You see, how important is this? I mean, in all seriousness, it seems awful easy to have some issue squirreled away and leave it alone. That in-law or whatever, just bring it up again. Every time you bring it up, you know, when exterminators spray for bugs, it increases activity for a while, right? Nobody wants to deal with it. Just let it lay. Cockroach once in a while. God wants you to spray, increases activity, but eventually cleans the house. Hard to do. Reconciliation. So about four weeks ago, I started a job at a work in radiology. I'm an MRI tech. I picked up a job in a hospital in Charlotte that's partnered with St. Jude Children's Hospital. So we do MRIs on young people, and they're not well. I've been in radiology some 26 years. Never worked somewhere where you had to work with Kids are like this, this frequent. Brain tumors, twisted spines, things that just ought not be. It's hard to see the kids. For me, it's looking in those parents' eyes, because some of them, they have Jesus. Some of them had Jesus. Now they blame God. It's an awful place. And some have nothing. So you see a full range of how these parents respond. And I wondered to myself, Their priorities. Are they worried about getting the trash out before Monday morning's trash day? This becomes your new point of reference for what's important. And I'm looking at them like, man, I got somebody over here, a co-worker, trying to get to lunch. They don't need lunch. Look at them. And these people are dealing with what they're dealing with. This week, I was asked to preach a funeral for a friend of Katie and mine. They found their 33-year-old son in an apartment, passed away. It just so happens to be the two-year anniversary of her daughter also dying. Completely unrelated. What's important? You know, the mistake of all mankind across the world forever and ever will be the pinnacle mistake is believing you have more time. I got more time. So I sit here thinking, how important is this? Days of awe, this... this whole bit. Look at this kind of stuff. Well, let's take a look. Let's dare to ask God how important it is. Jesus is in the Garden of Gethsemane. He knows what's about to take place very soon. He's going to be up on the cross. He don't want to go through this. We talk about the power of God in Jesus' life a lot. Sometimes I find myself identifying a little bit more with the flesh part of Jesus. He didn't want to go. He said so. So he prays to the Father three times. May this cup pass from me. I don't want to go. I don't want to go. I don't want to go. Not my will, which is I don't want to go, but your will be done. So when you look at the cross today, you're reminded of God's love. Jesus did not go to the cross because he wanted to. Is that fair

to say? He went to the cross out of obedience. He gets up on that cross because the Father tells him this is the cup. You have to do it. And the verse comes true, for God so loved the world that he gave his son who didn't want to get up on that cross. That whoever dares to believe in him will not have death but everlasting life. Jesus didn't want to do it either. Forgiving and reconciliation, how important is it? You see, if we have reconciliation with the Father and we have reconciliation with one another, our family, we can get through the brain tumors. We can get through the funerals. We can get through. God knows that if the family can stay cohesive, not passive-aggressive, not holding alt against one another, we can get through everything else. But when you're by yourself and you don't have anyone, you're hurt and rejected from everyone because you've been offended and didn't share it, you can't get through that stuff alone or it's awful hard. These 10 days are all, for me, they're tough because I'm sitting here Every time I was going through what I was going to share with you guys, I didn't even want to take notes because it's just so heavy on my heart. I'm a student of forgiveness. I don't think I'll ever be a master of it. I was, hmm, hmm, I won't forgive them. Why is it we don't want to forgive them? So it's funny. I was talking to Beverly walking in, and she goes, yeah, I hear you're going to do a message on forgiveness. I'm like, yeah. She goes, I don't like that. I'm like, me neither. That's probably why we need to do it, I reckon. And then I come across sweet sister Angie Clark. She goes, I love this time of year. I'm like, you must have took care of all your problems before. Can you fathom what it feels like to be clear of it all?

You can? I got to get there. So even today, no one there. Let's see how we can apply this. Anybody here ever have road rage? Keep your hand down, Brad. My boy. I got a trucker over here with road rage. Forgive him. Intercede for them. Lord, help them get where they're going. Keep them safe. May they not get a ticket. This can be hard, right? So to go be Jesus means do what you don't want to do. Crawl up on a cross and let pride die. Dare to have the courage that Joshua was told to have and bring forward your offenses. Be ready to forgive. See, you know, when you participate in all facets of this workflow, you You forgive people easier because you want to be forgiven easier. Man, it hit me like a ton of bricks. We just did the Lord's Prayer. Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. It's saturated throughout the message. Forgive, forgive, forgive. And even though we get to do it every day of the year, these 10 days we are encouraged to very much probe, very much prepare yourself. Leave your sacrifices at the altar and try to rectify things with your brother and your sister. Because we want the family dinner to be all joy, all peace, and all support for those who need it. Ten days of all. So Yom Kippur is coming up. We're going to have services coming Tuesday. Hopefully by then you've had time to go be Jesus. My intent was not for this to be at all a lengthy message. Because you can't handle so much if you don't forgive. You're going to be tortured. with every time you're reminded. Now, I had my mentor who shared this with me, and he said something that was very encouraging. He said, you know, you go to a restaurant and you order a steak. Do you plan on paying for it? Yeah, of course you do. So when God orders something to be done and you do what you're supposed to do, par, par, you do what you're supposed to do, he'll tip you too. You're not working for the tip. You're doing what you're supposed to do to serve the Father. Gene Wagstaff was the name of my mentor that shared this whole concept with me. I'm still learning, Gene. Sorry, buddy. But I asked him, I said, at what point does Satan stop poking? I mean, where's the end of the assignment for him? He said, it's an interesting concept, Jason. One of two things will happen. You're interceding for this person and breakthrough happens. And when breakthrough happens, you'll know it because you'll stop hearing it. The reminder of wrongs because mission accomplished. Or they've been turned over to a reprobate mind on that topic. The nuclear bomb was

ineffective. And Satan will once again stop reminding you. When you don't feel it anymore or reminded of it anymore, something's taking place. And you hope for the very, very best of it. He was telling you about he was cutting trees in his backyard. Chainsaw. Went inside, used the restroom, come out, and somebody stole his chainsaw. He was telling me about it. He was just about done. Lord, I forgive them. May they enjoy that chainsaw. So he told the story. Sure enough, somebody gave him a nice chainsaw. Now, it might have been because he told the story. Let's be fair. I don't know. But he said, if you will be faithful to the charge given to you, God will not fail to reward you. Because he's no different than any other parent. Do your chores, you get an allowance, right? Worship team, I'm going to ask you to go ahead and join me up here. And guys, I'm going to encourage all of us, all right? Because during this message, I was reminded of at least one or two. I'm going to ask everyone to stand, and you don't have to come up here, but at least while the worship team plays, I want you to dare to at least ponder this process for those people in your life that's offended you. And man, it's hard. Unless you just live a better life now. It's tough finding somebody that you're going to forgive and you're going to pray to the Father on their behalf for the very thing they offended you for and be prepared to do it again and again and get our hearts ready for the day of atonement at one minute, not only with the Father, but with one another. Heavenly Father, it was my prayer to deliver your potent grace impactful nugget of a message, a jagged little pill. Father, it takes an uncanny amount of courage to dare to bring up issues that seem better in the closet with the door shut. But Father, we know that you want to permeate every space in the house. You don't want no bugs. Father, I pray for everyone who hears this message today To be given the opportunity to receive the courage required to dare look at the issue and the topic again. To dare recognize that they're being tortured when they're reminded of it. The hurt and the sting of the offense. And to understand the intent of that is to remind them to forgive the one who done it, who very well may not deserve it. And after forgiving them, asking you too to forgive them. and to heal them and to meet them. That we can be like our master who didn't want to go to that cross, but he did it because he said to do it. And you knew it was the right thing. And when we do this act, just as Christ does the act of getting on the cross, this will be a memorial for all to remember God's love of not only the earth, his family. He wants peace. Everyone's peace. He wants you to have peace. It's not easy. If you're watching online, this message is no less intimate for you. No such thing as coincidence. These 10 days of awe are not any more special than any other day for reconciliation and fellowships and relationships. But it is a call. The trumpets have been blown, making way for the Messiah. And he wants to come and have a dinner with us. Everybody's in good spirits. No one's in the corner hurting alone. So Father, we do pray for this courage. I encourage every one of you to come forward like I will be here in just a moment. And dare to forgive someone I don't think deserves it. But it's cross time. Promise of all that is to come as we lay our lives down. And position ourselves underneath your wing. Walking in your way. We bless you, Yeshua. We thank you. Sing the Shema with me. Shema Israel. Adonai. Adonai. Hear, O Israel. The Lord is our God. The Lord is one. Blessed is the name of his glorious kingdom for all eternity. And may the Lord, the God of patience and encouragement, grant you to be like-minded with one another in the manner of Messiah, so that together with one voice, you glorify the God and Father of our Lord Yeshua Messiah. And may the Lord bless you, and may he keep you, May the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you. May the Lord lift up his countenance toward you and give you his peace. Peace. Shalom. Shabbat shalom. Amen. Shalom. We pray this message has blessed and encouraged you and your relationship with God. And we hope that it has made the Bible more beautiful and more powerful in its impact

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