

Forgiveness:

What Do You Need To Unpack?

Romans 12:19 Don't insist on getting even; that's not for you to do. "I'll do the judging," Says God. "I'll take care of it."

Luggage Video: by Rob Bell

Six Forgiveness Principles:

Take An Account

Matthew 18:24 In the process, one of his debtors was brought in who owed him millions of dollars.

2. A Debt Only Jesus Can Repay

Matthew 18:25 He couldn't pay...

3. Anger Must Be Released

Matthew 18:25 ...so his master ordered that he be sold – along with his wife, his children, and everything he owned – to pay the debt.

4. Forgiveness Is Not Dependent on the Offender

Matthew 18:26 But the man fell down before his master and begged him, "Please, be patient with me, and I will pay it all.

5. Forgiveness Requires Compassion

Matthew 18:27 Then his master was filled with pity for him...

6. Forgiveness Offers Emotional Release

Matthew 18:27 ...and he released him and forgave his debt.

Matthew 18:28-35 "But when the man left the king, he went to a fellow servant who owed him a few thousand dollars. He grabbed him by the throat and demanded instant payment. "His fellow servant fell down before him and begged for a little more time. 'Be patient with me, and I will pay it,' he pleaded. But his creditor wouldn't wait. He

had the man arrested and put in prison until the debt could be paid in full. “When some of the other servants saw this, they were very upset. They went to the king and told him everything that had happened. Then the king called in the man he had forgiven and said, ‘You evil servant! I forgave you that tremendous debt because you pleaded with me. Shouldn’t you have mercy on your fellow servant, just as I had mercy on you?’ Then the angry king sent the man to prison to be tortured until he had paid his entire debt. “That’s what my heavenly Father will do to you if you refuse to forgive your brothers and sisters from your heart.”

What Will You Do With Your Luggage?

“So may you forgive as you’ve been forgiven, may you give to others what’s been given to you, may you set someone free and find out that it was you, and may you do it today, because you might not have the chance tomorrow.” Rob Bell