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Servant**

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- The reason for the parable:
  - Peter comes to the Lord with a question.  
***Matt. 18:21-22***
  - Forgiveness is a topic often dealt with in Scripture. ***Luke 23:34; 11:1-4***
  - Perhaps one of the hardest things to do in life, to forgive. ***Ps. 86:5; Isa. 38:17; Heb. 8:12***

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- The parable given:

- The king settles accounts with his slaves.

***Matt. 18:23-24***

- A "talent" here is a monetary measure, amounting to 6000 denarii, which would take an ordinary laborer twenty years to earn .  
10,000 = 200,000 years

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- The parable given:

- The slave unable to pay, pleads for mercy.

***Matt. 18:25-26***

- We all have accumulated a debt with God that we cannot pay. ***Isa. 53:6a; Rom. 3:23; 6:23***

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- The parable given:
  - The king is merciful to the slave and forgives the debt. ***Matt. 18:27***
    - So also God has been very merciful to us sinners. ***Titus 3:5-7; Prov. 20:9***

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- The parable given:
  - The slave finds a fellow slave who owes him 100 denarii. ***Matt. 18:28***
    - A denarii was a day's wages, thus owed little over 3 months wages.

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- The parable given:

- The forgiven slave is now unwilling to forgive.

***Matt. 18:29-30***

- Forgiven people should in turn be forgiving people. ***Col. 3:12-13; Eph. 4:31-32; Luke 6:35-36; Matt. 5:7***

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- The parable given:
  - When the king finds out what happened, brings the slave back. ***Matt. 18:31-34***
  - God's forgiveness is conditional. ***Matt. 6:14-15***



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- What we can learn from this parable:
  - That though our sins be great, our God is willing to forgive if we repent. ***Isa. 1:18-19; Luke 18:10-14***
  - We have an obligation to forgive others.  
***Mark 11:25***
  - That God's forgiveness is conditioned on us forgiving. ***Matt. 7:2; Mark 11:26***

# STEPS OF SALVATION:

FROM **SINNER** TO **SAVED**

