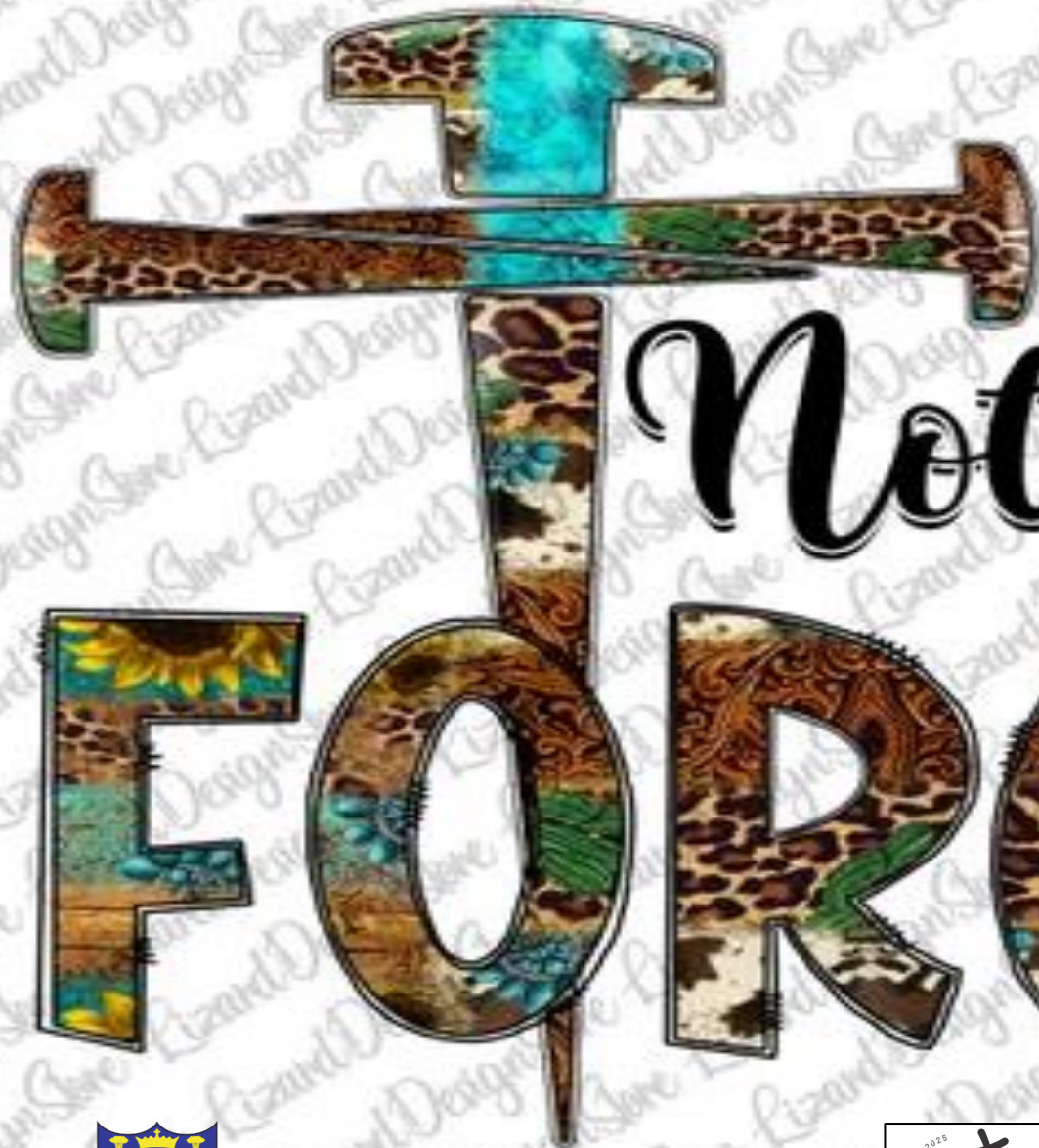


# RECONCILIATION SERVICE



*Not Perfect Just*

**FORGIVEN**



**LENT 2025**





# WELCOME

We gather today for a  
**SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION**  
as we continue our  
**LENTEN JOURNEY**  
towards the joyous events of Easter.





# LET US BEGIN OUR RECONCILIATION SERVICE

I invite you all to say and make  
the Sign of the Cross

*In the name of the Father  
and of the Son  
and of the Holy Spirit  
Amen.*



*A.M.D.G. - For the Greater Glory of God*





# WE GATHER



Welcome to our Reconciliation Service.

We gather today to continue our LENTEN JOURNEY towards the joyous events of Easter.

The theme of today's service is,  
'Not Perfect but Forgiven'

Today, as part of our preparation,  
we have an opportunity to

**SAY SORRY**

for any bad things that we may have done.



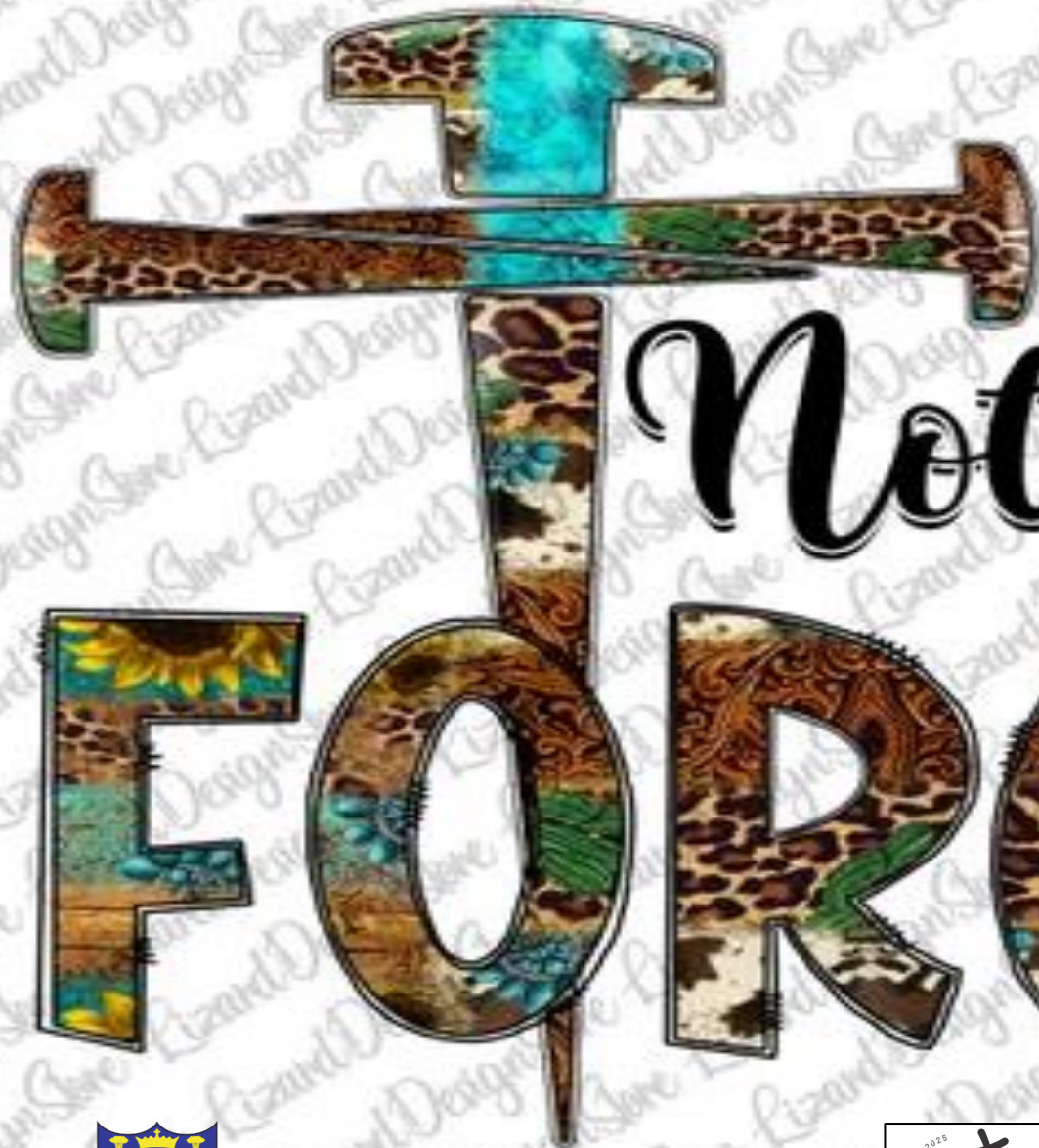
Close  
your eyes...  
then barely  
open them!



When 2 or 3  
gather in my name,  
I will be there  
with them....



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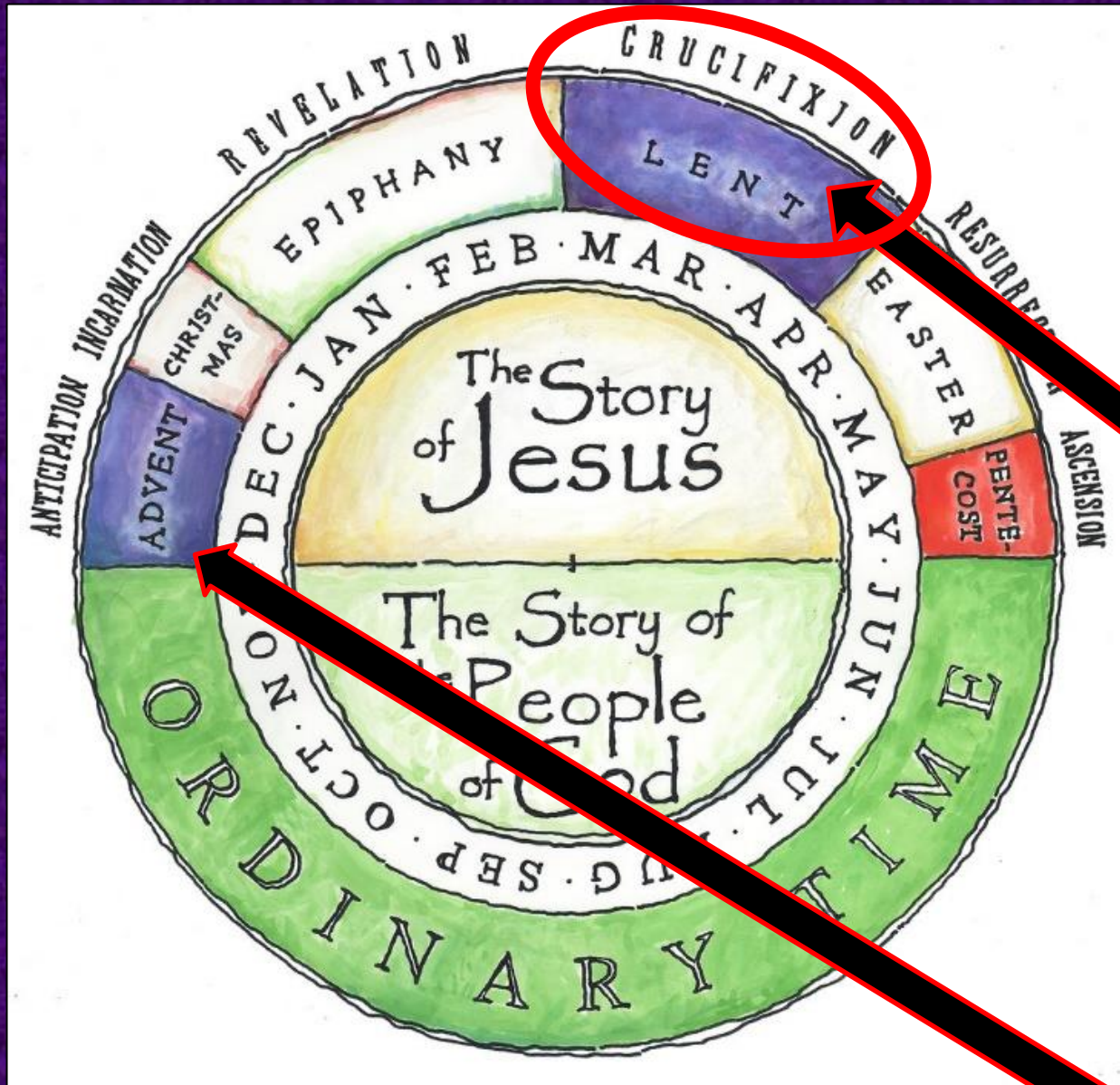


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# LITURGICAL SEASONS



This Service of Reconciliation offers us

GOD'S GIFT OF  
**FORGIVENESS**

THE SEASON  
OF LENT

A.M.D.G. - For the Greatr Glory of God





Blessed Edward Oldcorne Catholic College



# THE SEASON OF LENT 2025



ASH WEDNESDAY  
Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March



FAST/GIVE/PRAY  
Our Lenten Promises

OUTREACH  
Fr. Hudson's Caritas  
and CAFOD



SOUP LUNCH  
OPTION  
Every Friday  
during Lent



FRIDAY MASS  
Every Friday - 1.35

CHAPEL LITURGIES  
Every Monday - 8.35



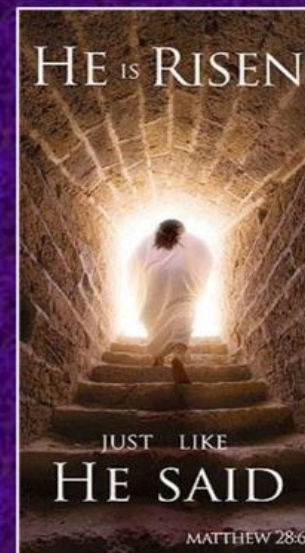
STATIONS OF THE  
CROSS  
Every RE class will visit  
and pray at our Stations  
of the Cross during Lent



RECONCILIATION  
SERVICES  
Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April



DAY OF ADORATION  
BEFORE THE  
BLESSED SACRAMENT  
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March



EASTER SERVICES  
Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April



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# RECONCILIATION



MAKING UP WITH GOD  
AND  
EACH OTHER

BRINGING PEOPLE BACK TOGETHER AGAIN

# FORGIVENESS





# LET US PRAY



*All read together*

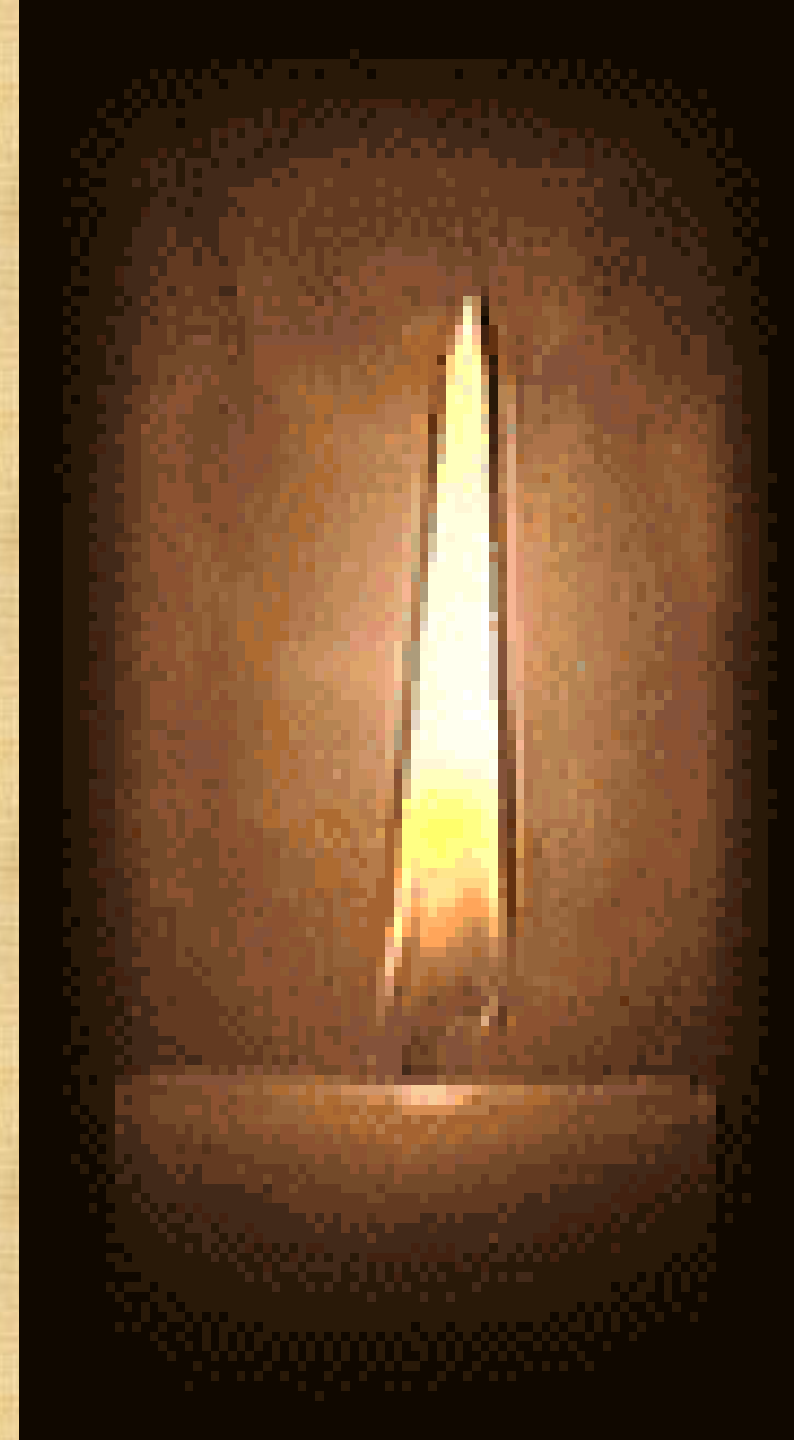
Loving Father, welcome us home.

We bring before you all our weaknesses and failings.

We know that on occasions we have offended you.

Today give us the grace and courage to admit and say sorry for our mistakes.

Amen.





# REMEMBER ASH WEDNESDAY

The Ashes  
on our forehead  
were an outward sign that  
we are not perfect...







*Not Perfect Just*

**FORGIVEN**



# RECONCILIATION

NONE OF US ARE PERFECT



WE ALL MAKE MISTAKES



DURING LENT WE TRY TO CHANGE OUR WAYS  
AND TRY TO BE MORE 'HOLY'  
JUST LIKE OUR LORD...





# MAKE ME HOLY LORD



Prepare my mind,  
prepare my soul,  
prepare my heart and make me whole,  
prepare me for the awesomeness of you.

Renew in me a spirit strong,  
**remind me Lord of all that's wrong,**  
create in me complete desire  
for you.

And  
**Make me Holy Lord,  
Make me Holy Lord,  
Make me Holy Lord,  
Like you.**





# MAKE ME HOLY LORD

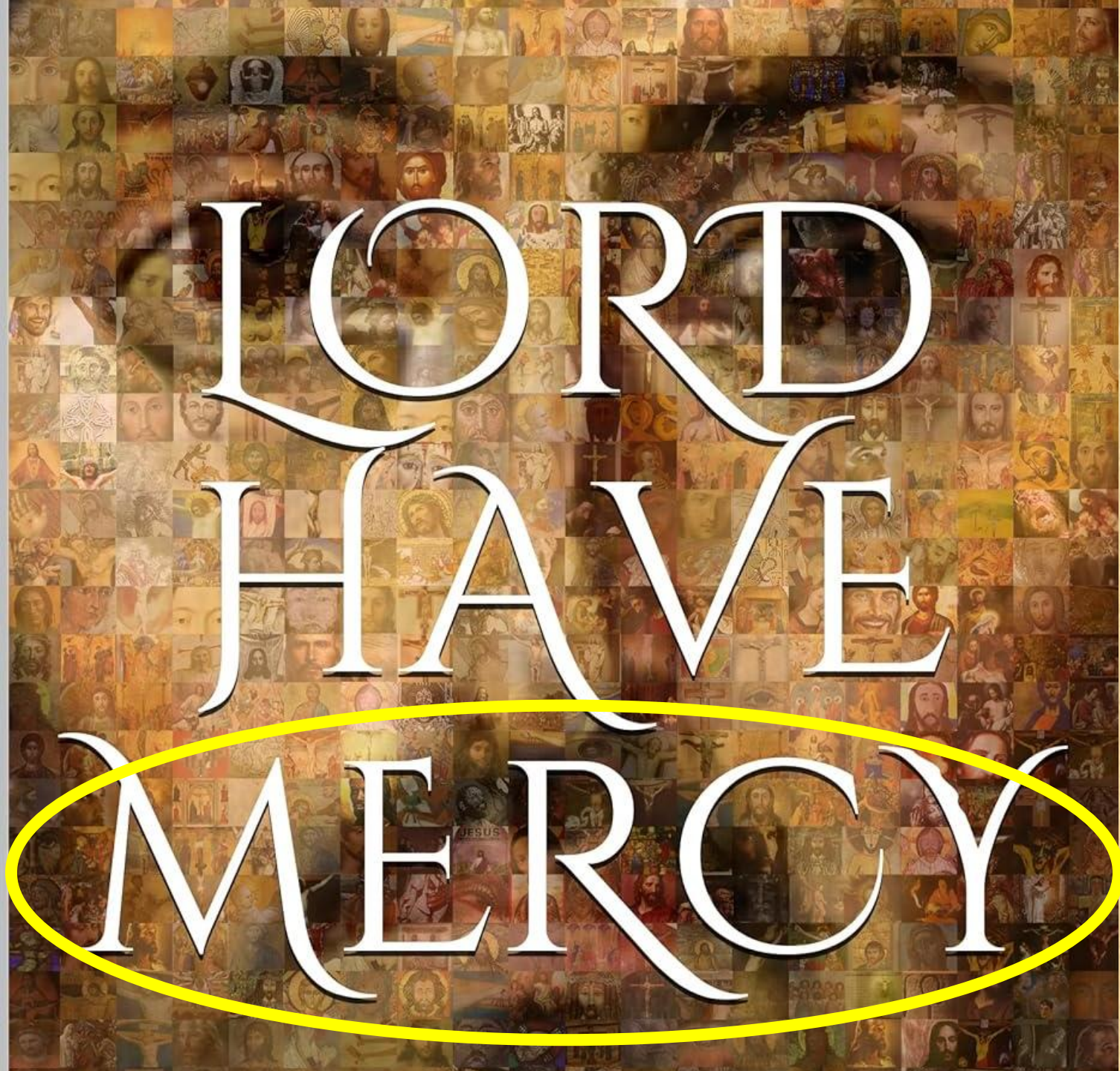


Consume my mind,  
consume my soul,  
consume my heart and make me whole,  
consume me with the awesomeness of you.

Destroy the pride,  
destroy the hate,  
destroy the things that separate  
and keep me from  
returning back to you.

Make me Holy Lord,  
Make me Holy Lord,  
Make me Holy Lord,  
Like you.





LORD  
HAVE  
MERCY

To help the Lord make  
us more Holy

LET US CALL  
TO MIND  
OUR SINS...





## PENITENTIAL ACT



You were sent to heal the contrite of heart:  
Lord have mercy.

*LORD HAVE MERCY.*

You came to call sinners:  
Christ have mercy.

*CHRIST HAVE MERCY.*

You are seated at the right hand of the Father  
to intercede for us:  
Lord have mercy.

*LORD HAVE MERCY.*



# SORRY



Is there anyone in your life  
that you need to say sorry to?

Think of  
one person

or

one thing  
that you have  
done wrong...



# WE LISTEN



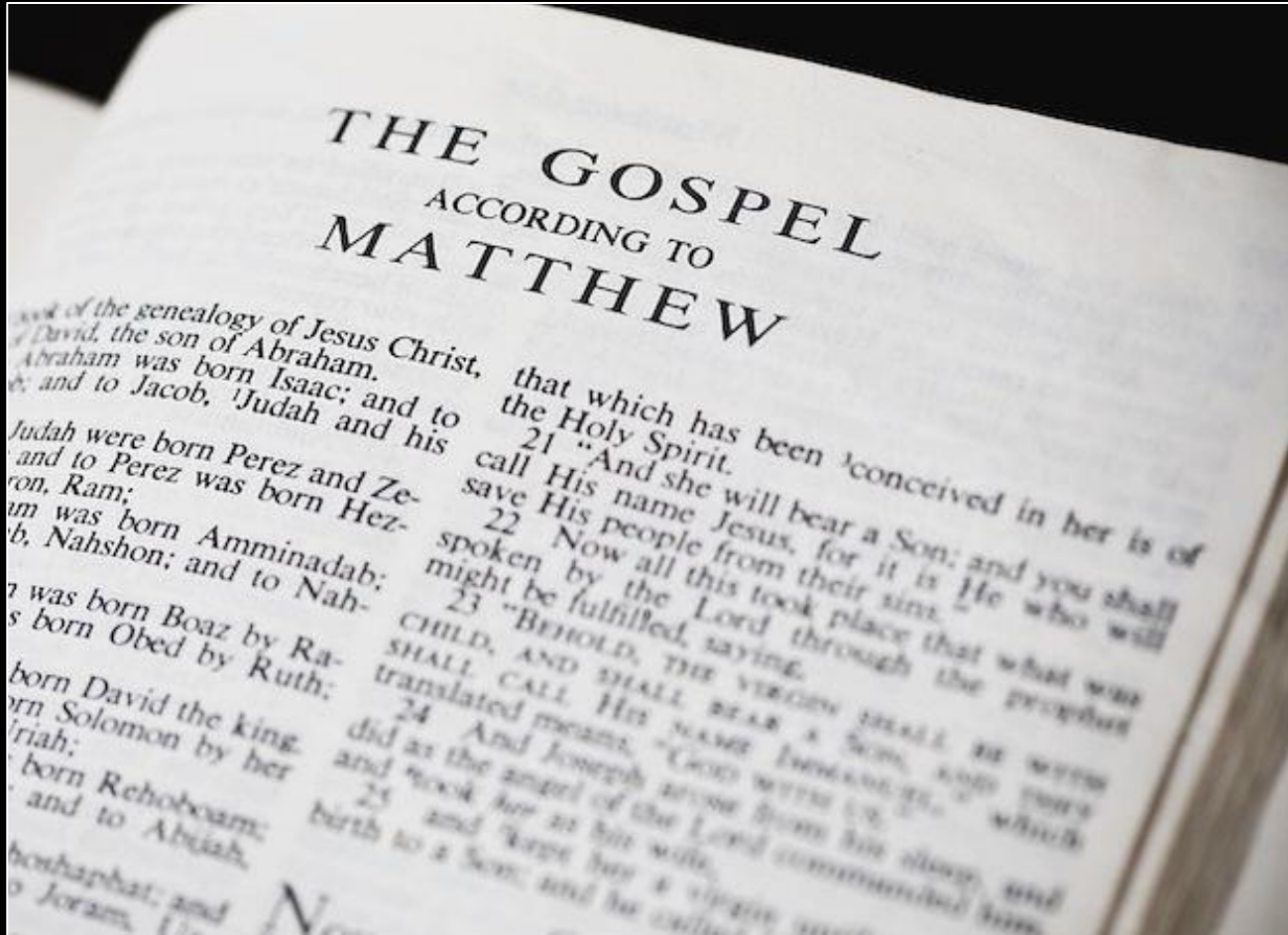
Today we reflect upon the wonderful gift of forgiveness.

At times we may find it hard to forgive someone who has hurt or offended us in anyway.

Let us all now sit still and listen to a well-known parable from Matthew's Gospel.

In it, we hear the story of the 'Unforgiving Servant'.





# THE UNFORGIVING SERVANT

Matthew 18:15-35

## PARABLE

A simple story,  
with a hidden meaning,  
used by Jesus to illustrate  
a spiritual lesson.

# THE UNFORGIVING SERVANT

Peter - Yes, I know you have said it is very important to forgive; but it's hard.

Anyway, what do you do if someone offends you again, and again?

Do you forgive them as many as seven times?

Jesus - Oh, no, Peter, not seven times.

More like seventy times seven times.

Those who follow me, who want to be part of the Kingdom of God, must be generous in forgiving.

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It's rather like this story...



Clerk - Your majesty, I have been checking the annual accounts, as you ordered and find that one of your servants has not repaid the large loan you made him a year ago.

King - Go and find this man and bring him to me.  
Are the rest of my accounts in order?

Clerk - Yes, Sire. There's a healthy profit.

King - Ah, here you are.  
Why have you avoided repaying my loan?  
How much do you owe me?

### Unforgiving Servant

Much more than I can afford to repay, your highness.

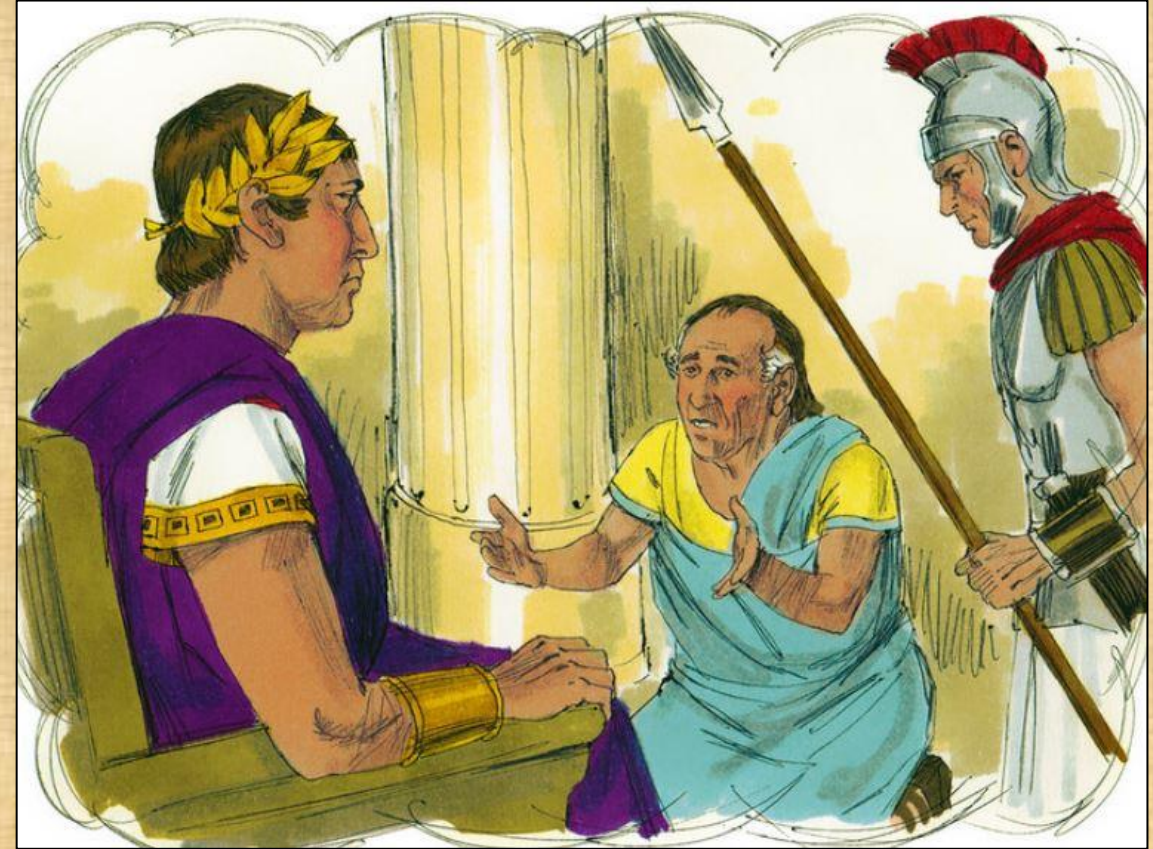
King - How much?

### Unforgiving Servant

A hundred thousand pounds!  
Sire. Please have mercy....

I have no way of repaying you.  
Think of my family who will be  
without food and clothing if you  
imprison me.

Please, please have mercy.





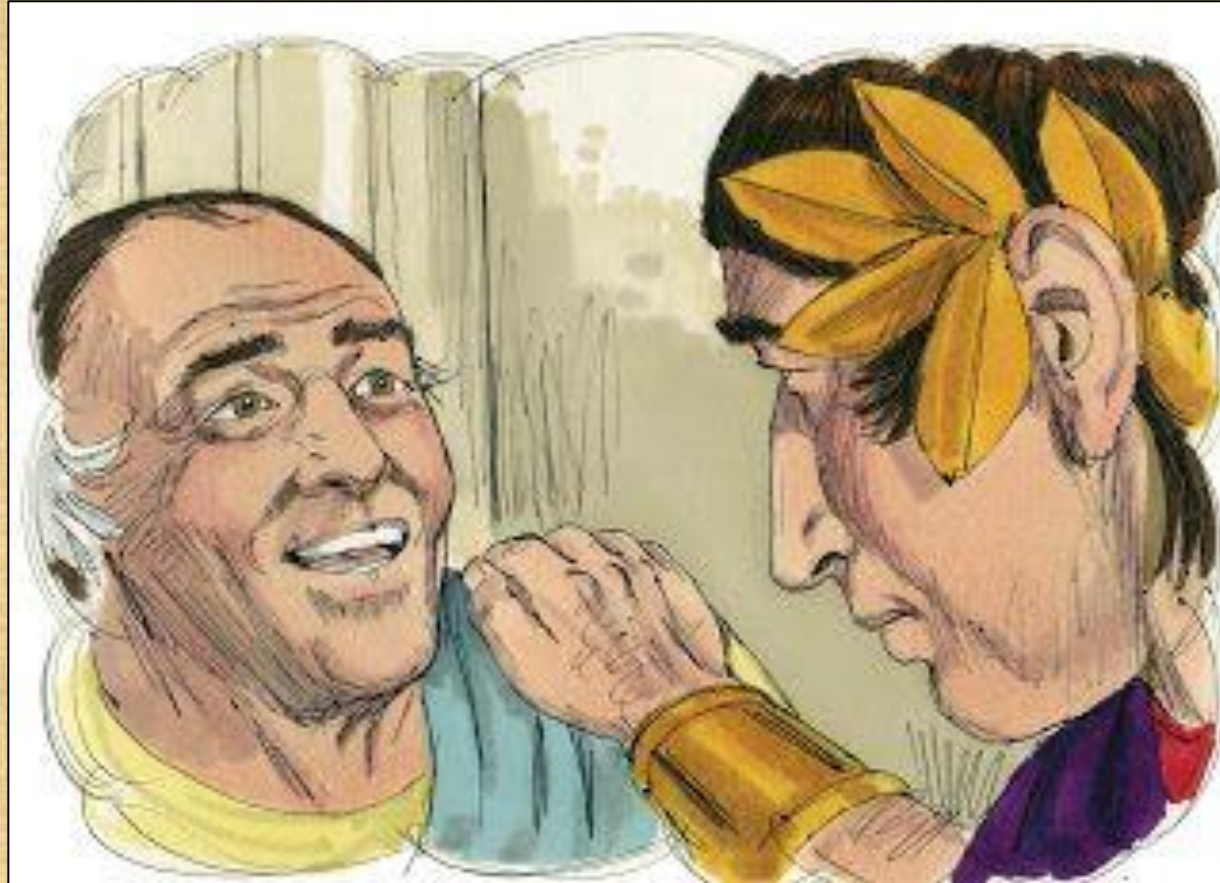
King - I could sell you and your family as slaves.  
That would raise some of what you owe.  
Then I could let you off...

Unforgiving Servant - Please, Sire, please give me more time.

King - No...I will not give you more time.

But as I am feeling merciful today,  
I will cancel your debt.  
Go back to your family and don't get into debt again.

Unforgiving Servant - Thank you, thank you Sire.  
You are magnificent and generous.  
Thank you.





Unforgiving Servant

Oi, you! Yes you!  
Come here a minute.

Servant 2

Do you mean me?

Unforgiving Servant

Yes, you. Where's my money?  
You owe me ten pounds.

Servant 2

Please give me time.  
I've not got ten pounds on me.  
I'll get it for you tomorrow.



### Unforgiving Servant

I want it now! Now, do you hear!

### Servant 3

Leave him alone.

Give him a bit of time.

### Unforgiving Servant

You keep out of this, or you'll be sorry!

Guard, here.

Take this fellow off to prison.

He owes me money.



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Servant 3 - Your highness, may we speak with you?

King - You may.

What troubles you?



Servant 3

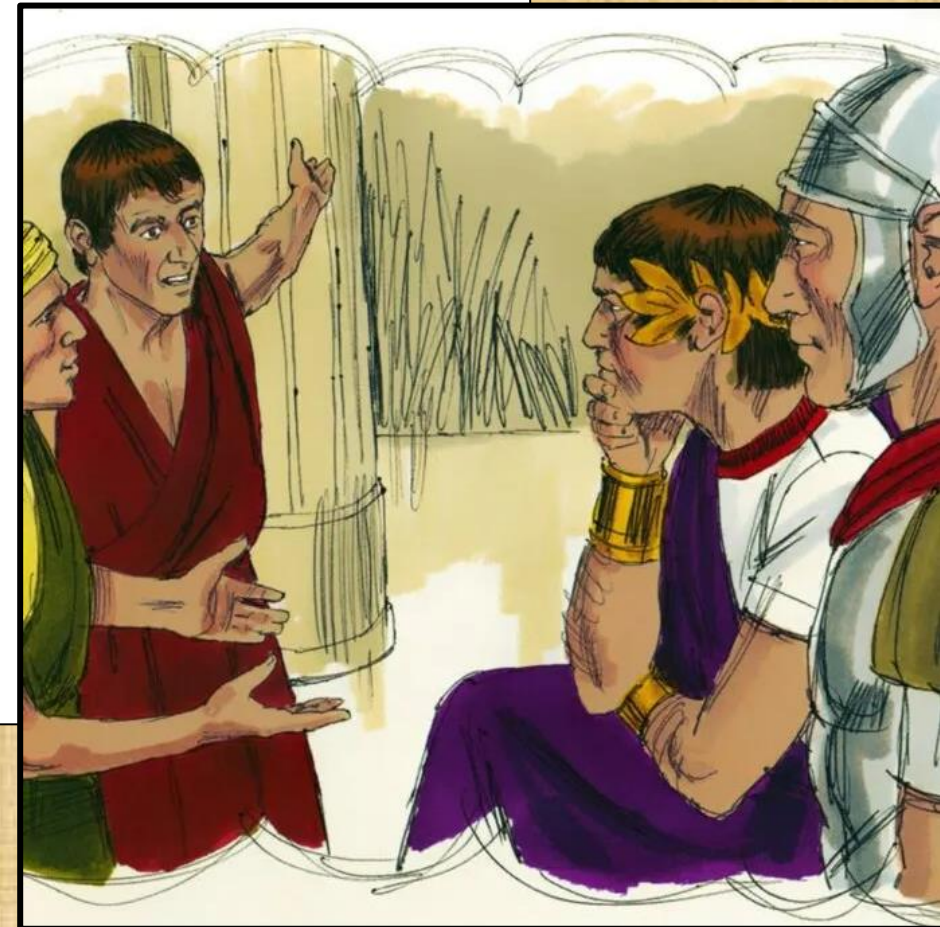
Sire, you remember how this morning,  
in your goodness you forgave the debt of the servant  
who owed you a vast sum of money?

King - Yes, I do.

Servant 3

Well, he has had one of his friends thrown  
in prison for owing him just ten pounds!

Yes, I was there and saw it all.



# THE UNFORGIVING SERVANT

Matthew 18:15-35

King - Go and get him!  
You did well to tell me of this.  
I shall see that this unforgiving servant is  
severely punished.

King - You evil man.  
I cancelled your huge debt to me because you  
begged and pleaded.  
Could you not have forgiven your fellow servant  
such a small sum,  
just as I forgave you?



King - You are utterly evil.  
Hand him over to the guards.  
He can stay in prison until the whole debt is repaid.



Jesus

That is what your heavenly Father expects, Peter.

*We must all be generous  
in forgiving one another.*







# WE RESPOND



The story we have just heard, really brings home the importance of being forgiving.

The lesson from the Parable of the Unforgiving Servant is that we must forgive others their sin against us if we want our sins against God to be forgiven.

Let us now examine our own hearts and minds and accept that we too commit sin.



# EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE



We now take a few moments to think about the times when we have hurt others and ask for [forgiveness](#).



# THE UNFORGIVING SERVANT

Matthew 18:15-35



PETER ASKS HOW MANY  
TIMES HE SHOULD FORGIVE

How many times have you been  
forgiven by your parents  
for the bad things you have done?

Are you grateful for  
their willing  
and ready forgiveness?

Do you really respect them and  
appreciate all that they do for you?



# THE SERVANT AVOIDS REPAYING HIS LOAN



Are you good at  
avoiding things  
you know you  
should be doing?

Do you try to  
avoid helping out  
at home or in the classroom?

Have you ever  
borrowed something  
and not given it back?

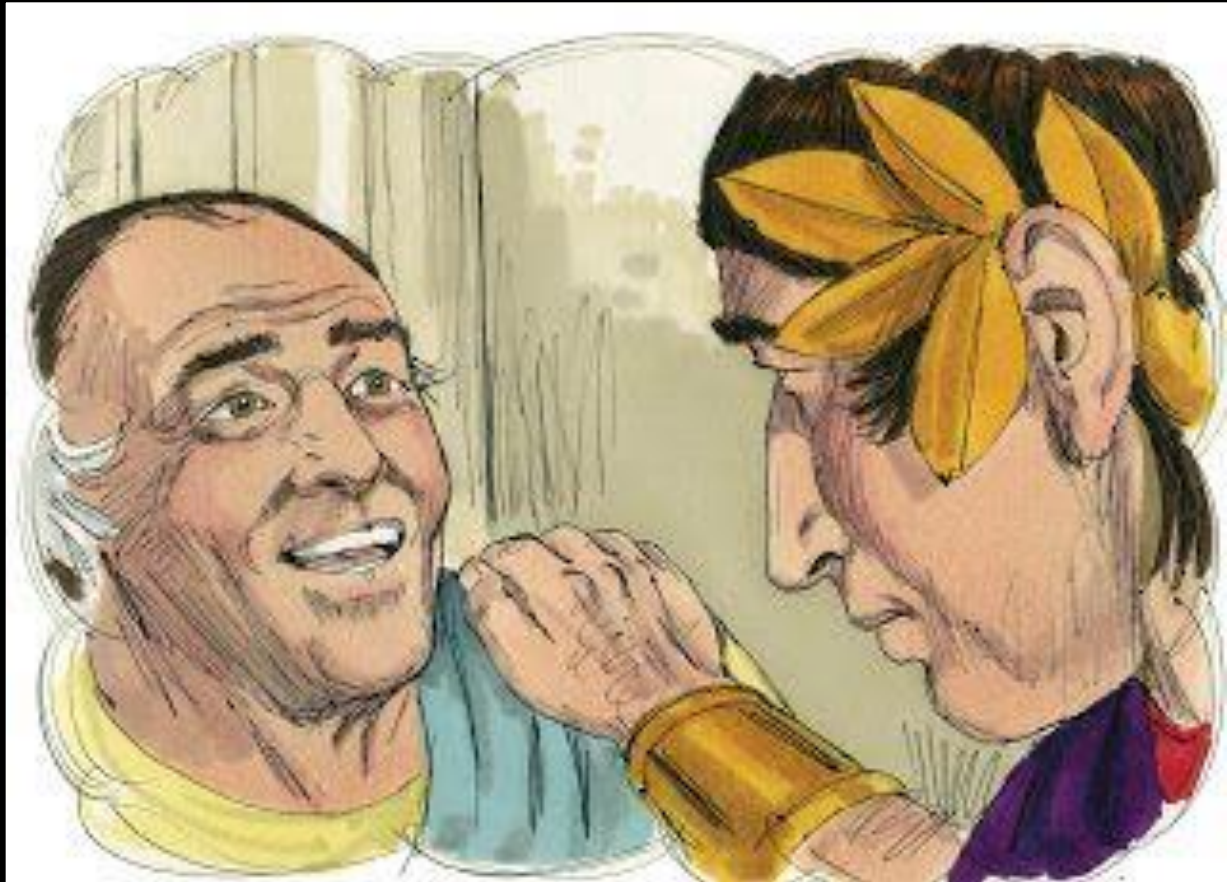
# THE KING GENEROUSLY LETS THE SERVANT OFF HIS DEBT

Are you generous  
with others?

Do you show the Love  
of Jesus towards others?

Are you sometimes  
mean and selfish,  
unwilling to share?

Do you ever help  
the poor and needy?







## THE UNFORGIVING SERVANT THREATENS HIS FELLOW SERVANT

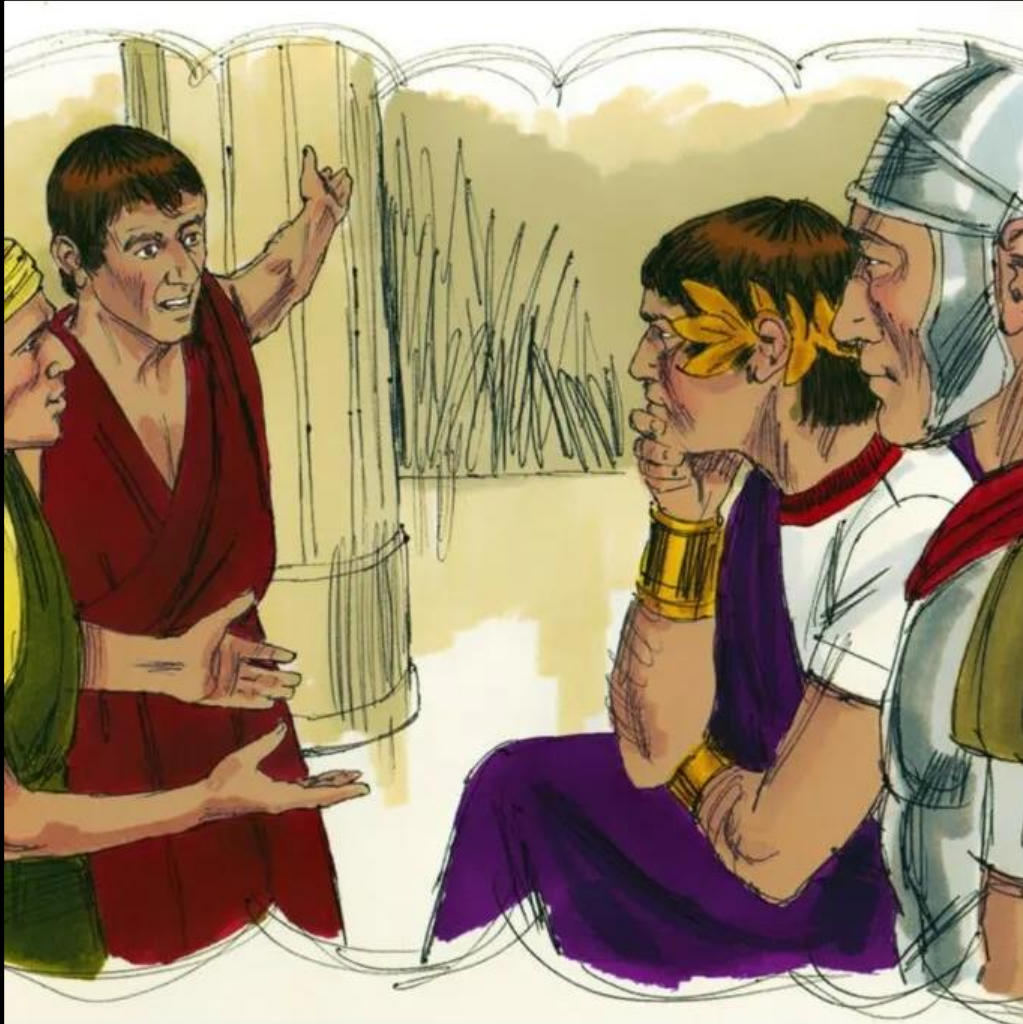
Do you ever use threatening  
words or violence?

Are you guilty of  
bullying someone?

Do you spread stories  
about people?

Do you ever say  
spiteful things  
to your  
brothers and sisters?

# THE SERVANTS GO AND TELL THE KING WHAT HAS HAPPENED



Do you always  
tell the truth?

Have you always been  
honest and open with your  
parents and teachers?

Are you a trustworthy person?



# THE KING SENDS THE UNFORGIVING SERVANT TO PRISON



Do you make excuses  
for your poor behaviour?

Do you accept any  
punishment maturely or  
do you blame others?

Are you ready to forgive others  
or do you  
hold grudges  
and look for revenge?

Think again  
of that  
one person  
or  
one thing  
that you  
thought of  
at the start  
of the  
service...

IN THE SILENCE OF YOUR HEART

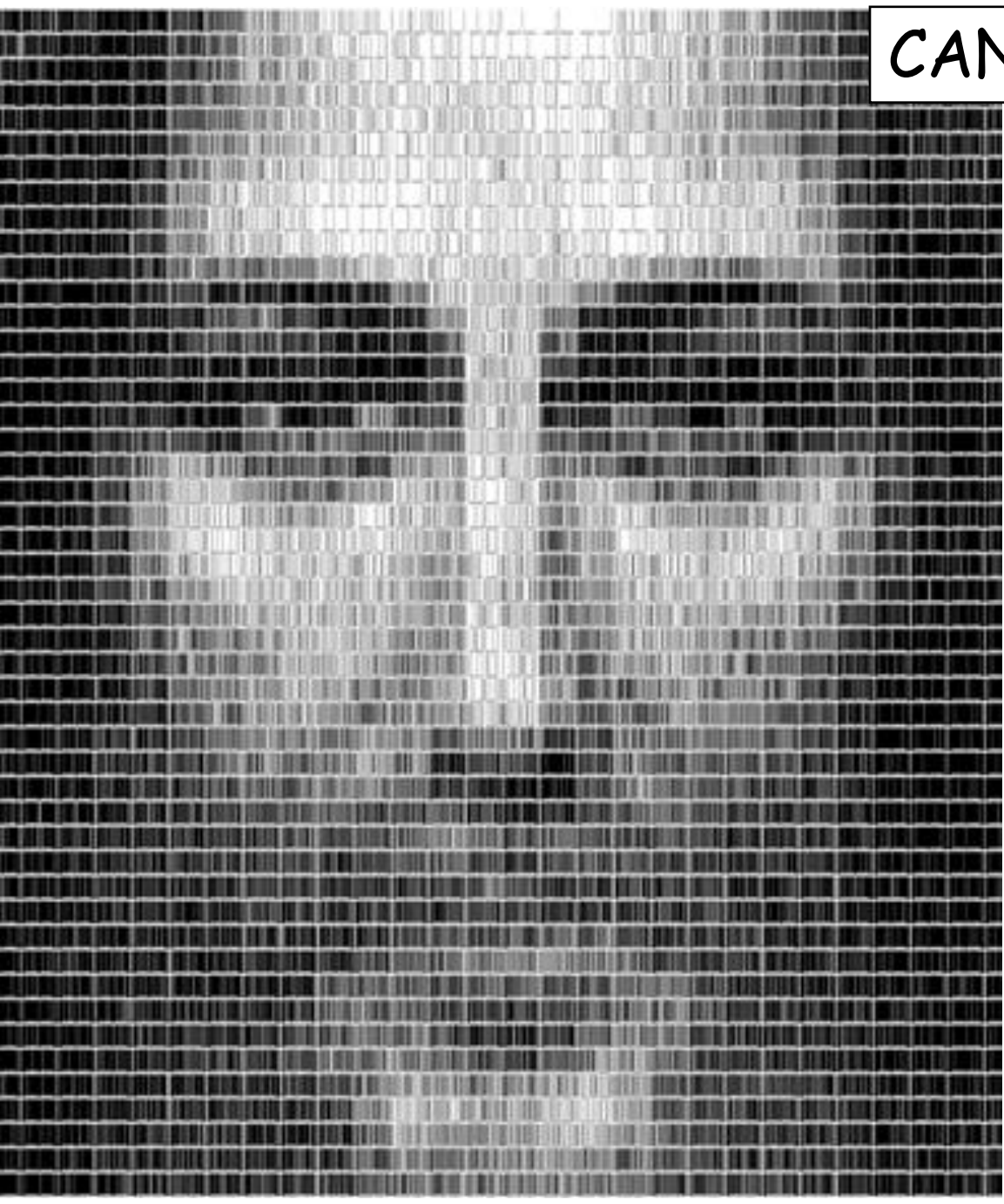
SAY SORRY



AND ASK FOR

FORGIVENESS.





# CAN YOU IMAGINE HAVING SOMEONE

Who will **always** Love you...

Who Loves you **as you are**...

Who is always **ready to forgive** you  
no matter what you do...

Who **knows you** through and through...

Who, even if you try to hide from him,  
**will search for you**...

**THIS SOMEONE IS GOD.**



God  
knows.

MATTHEW 6:8

DON'T  
STRESS...

GOD ALREADY  
KNOWS WHAT  
YOU HAVE  
DONE!

Just be  
honest  
about it and  
say sorry.





**Remember!**



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# COLLEGE CHAPLAINS



FR. JAMES



FR. STEPHEN



CANON JOHN

CONFESSIONS WILL TAKE PLACE TODAY AT LUNCHTIME



PENANCE  
IN THE  
CHAPEL

LUNCHTIME







# WE GO FORTH



Loving Father,  
You have assured us  
that each and every one of our sins will be forgiven;  
but there are two conditions.

Firstly, you expect us to be really and truly sorry  
for what we have done;

and secondly, you want us to offer forgiveness  
to those who have hurt us.

Help us to be sincere in forgiving others,  
and genuine in our efforts to become better people.

Amen.



# LET US FINISH OUR RECONCILIATION SERVICE

I invite you all to say and make  
the Sign of the Cross

*In the name of the Father  
and of the Son  
and of the Holy Spirit  
Amen.*

Arlo Williams - Head Boy







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