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If God, who knows us better than we know ourselves, told us to forgive 490 times knowing how imperfect and incapable of radical, pure love we are, how much more will God, in His infinite perfection and love, forgive us? A truly unlimited number of times! Stop counting. He isn't. Receive His forgiveness and move forward. Only when you allow Him to forgive you will you be able to forgive others as He does and be that good model of forgiveness on earth that we need.

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### Suggested worship:

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### Questions for further thought and discussion:

1. What does this story tell you about God?
2. How does this story apply to your life?
3. What can you do now to allow God's forgiveness to be unlimited in your life?

### Story Location:

Matt 18:21-35

### Additional Scripture References:

Matt 6:14; Matt 12:31; Matt 26:28; Mark 11:25; Ps 51:16; Isa 54:9; Isa 57:16

### Prayer:

Father, show me the areas in my life where I have not let you forgive me. Please send your waves of forgiveness into my soul that I may walk your ways with a cleansed spirit, forgiving others on the path.

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