

## **FORGIVENESS IS A FAITH ISSUE.**

Matthew 18:21-22

*Then Peter came up and said to him, "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?"<sup>22</sup> Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times."*

### Misunderstandings about forgiveness:

- Forgiveness is not delusion about the offender.
- Forgiveness is not saying, "It's no big deal."
- Forgiveness ≠ forgetting.
- Forgiveness is not allowing others to chronically take advantage of you.
- Forgiveness is not opposed to justice.

The essentials of forgiveness...

- Forgiveness is releasing your offender to God.
- Forgiveness is a faith issue: Do I trust God to deal with "Them?"