

Précis of sermon by Rev. Dr. Stephen Farris "On Forgiveness"

Although parables are typically a metaphor drawn from nature or common life that leave doubt in the mind of the listener and cause them to think more deeply about the issue, the parable about a King, two servants and debts owed is not ambiguous. We are to forgive as God has forgiven us with His very precious and costly gift of His son. God's gift of forgiveness is a gift we do not deserve. The parable directs us to forgive others as God has forgiven us but it is hard. Nonetheless the obligation to forgive others is itself a gift that brings freedom and peace.