



## A. Are you mercy-full?

- Peter's classic question--How many times should I forgive?
- Peter misunderstands and asks how often should I forgive
  - a. Not very self-aware
  - b. Living in a bubble of self righteousness
  - c. Some won't confront because they are NOT self aware in the opposite direction
- Jesus answer -77 times

## B. Have you taken account?

- Accounts will be settled by the King
- The largest problem with humankind is our ability to see the speck in the eye of others and not see the log in our own
  - This comes from the garden/Adam
    - i. Blame shifting
    - ii. Excuse making
    - iii. Abdicating responsibility
- Kingdom saved and kingdom minded people understand their account
- Your account is overwhelming bankrupt...be encouraged!
- The King does 3 important things
  - Pities him
  - Releases him
  - Forgives him

## C. If you have truly taken account of your own heart, you will live mercy-full

- The servant goes out and immediately finds someone who owes him something
- The Servant does 3 things:
  - Chokes the other servant-manifest vengeance
  - Refuses to be patient-immediate justice/looks like angry vengeance
  - Threw him in prison

We want mercy but we don't want to show it!

- The uncontrolled desire to get into "debt" (all of us begin with this)
- The desire for mercy on our own terms (unconverted)
- The ability to self righteously determine what is right and wrong in our "kingdom"
- The desire for vengeance and judgment for everyone except us

Jesus says there is another way for those of the kingdom

- Mercy on fellow servants BASED ON THE MERCY JESUS HAS SHOWN US
- Forgive from the heart

The root of spiritual/emotional stability in dealing with the Kingdom "now" until it is "yet"

The Kings way-Pity/Love, Release, Forgiveness