### If Your Brother Sins Against You

**15**“If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. **16**But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. **17**If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.

**18**Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=matt+18.+15-35&version=ESV#fen-ESV-23743a)] in heaven.

**19**Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. **20**For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”

### The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant

**21**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?”

**22**Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times.

**23**“Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. **24**When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. **25**And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made.

**26**So the servant[[d](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=matt+18.+15-35&version=ESV#fen-ESV-23751d)] fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ **27**And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt.

**28**But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, ‘Pay what you owe.’

**29**So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’

**30**He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. **31**When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place.

**32**Then his master summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. **33**And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’ **34**And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt.

**35**So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”