

Daily Prayer

MONDAY 20TH

- **Pray** that we would reflect on the truths we heard taught yesterday and that they wouldn't fall on deaf ears. **Pray** for wisdom as to how we should respond to the challenge of demonstrating Christlike forgiveness.

TUESDAY 21ST

- **Pray** for our Pathfinders group as they meet on Zoom to discuss the follow up questions this evening. **Pray** that they would grow in love and knowledge of God as they spend time in his word.
- **Praise God** for those who are grieving in our community and nation, that they would know 'the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in our troubles.' (2 Corinthians: 3-4)

WEDNESDAY 22ND

- **Praise God** for his ongoing blessing and goodness to us, **pray** that we would be able to recognise his goodness even in difficult times and would come to him in thanksgiving.

THURSDAY 23RD

- **Pray** for Christians in Somalia, under threat from extremists and forced to worship in secret. **Pray** particularly for the children who are forced to join in with Islamic prayers and rituals at school.

FRIDAY 24TH

- **Pray** for Duirinish Free Church (Skye) as they seek to hold out the hope of the gospel in a community where many are dependent on tourism and will be feeling the economics effects of lockdown acutely (Interim Moderator - Donnie G Macdonald).
- **Pray** for wisdom and strength for our Free Church Moderator, Donnie G MacDonald as he seeks to guide and support the denomination during this time, as well as caring for his own church family and those who he is Interim Moderator for.

SATURDAY 25TH

- **Pray** that we would continue in our **MISSION**: to "know Jesus and make Jesus known" and our **VISION**: that we would "**grow** to be a **vibrant, all-age** church of **100 disciples**, all seeking to know Jesus and make Jesus known".

SUNDAY 26TH

- **Pray** as we gather online to worship today that guests and newcomers would join us and want to know more about Christ.

FOLLOW UP QUESTIONS (CONT. FROM INSIDE...)

3. **Which** of the characters in the story have more power? **Which** have less? **How** do we know this? **Does** the power the characters have make a difference in how they act? In how they are supposed to act?
4. **What** kinds of "sins" do you imagine Peter had in mind in v21? Were they the same as, or different from, the ones Jesus has in mind when he tells the story?
5. **Reflect** on your own life, especially the extent of forgiveness God has given. Who are you struggling to forgive? Do you see the serious consequences of unforgiveness? How will you pray for the Lord's help? How will you make action?

⊕ THE WEEK AHEAD At Burghhead Free Church

Sunday 19TH APRIL

11^{AM} Morning Service - LIVESTREAM (Paul Hopkinson)
5.30^{PM} Evening Service (LIVESTREAM from smithtonchurch.com)

Monday 20TH APRIL

10^{AM} Mission & Vision Prayer Meeting - (on "Zoom")
Meeting ID: 848 3527 8060 | Password: 123456

Wednesday 22ND APRIL

7:30^{PM} Church Family Prayer Meeting (on "Zoom")
Meeting ID: 861 0825 6482 | Password: 929797
Telephone Dial In Number - 0203 481 5237

Friday 24TH APRIL

7:30^{PM} Church Family Quiz Night (on "Zoom")
Meeting ID: 870 8765 0032 | Password: 006130

Sunday 26TH APRIL

11^{AM} Morning Service - LIVESTREAM (Peter Turnbull)
NEW SERIES: HABAKKUK: "IN GOD WE DOUBT"
5.30^{PM} Evening Service (LIVESTREAM from smithtonchurch.com)



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BURGHHEAD FREE CHURCH | 19TH APRIL 11^{AM}

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Welcome to livestream (Paul Hopkinson, Elder)

Song: Amazing Grace (my chains are gone)

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me;
I once was lost, but now I'm found,
was blind, but now I see.
'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear,
the hour I first believed!

**My chains are gone, I've been set free,
my God, my Saviour has ransomed me.
And like a flood His mercy reigns,
unending love, amazing grace.**

The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures. **My chains...**

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,
the sun forbear to shine.
But God, who called me here below
will be forever mine. **My chains...**

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ALL IN (Children's Address)

----- **activities provided for KIDS** -----
(visit burgheadfreechurch.org/sundayservice)

Prayer (thanksgiving, confession, intercession)

Notices (Offering - by standing order)

NB - An opportunity to give money to the work of the church. If you're visiting us or just tuning in for the first time please don't feel under any obligation to give.

Reading: Matthew 18:21-35

²¹ Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?"

²² Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times. ²³ "Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴ As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold was brought to him. ²⁵ Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt.

²⁶ "At this the servant fell on his knees before him. 'Be patient with me,' he begged, 'and I will pay back everything.' ²⁷ The servant's master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go.

²⁸ "But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins. He grabbed him and began to choke him. 'Pay back what you owe me!' he demanded.

²⁹ "His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.'

³⁰ "But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt.

³¹ When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened. ³² "Then the master called the servant in. 'You wicked servant,' he said, 'I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to.

³³ Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?' ³⁴ In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed.

³⁵ "This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

Sermon: "Forgiveness"

Paul Hopkinson | Matthew 18:21-35 | NOTES

Song: Psalm 103v1-11 (Sing Psalms)

- 1 Praise God, my soul! With all my heart
Let me exalt his holy name.
- 2 Forget not all his benefits;
His praise, my soul, in song proclaim.
- 3 The LORD forgives you all your sins,
And heals your sickness and distress;
- 4 Your life he rescues from the grave,
And crowns you in his tenderness.

- 5 He satisfies your deep desires
From his unending stores of good,
So that, just like the eagle's strength,
Your youthful vigour is renewed.
- 6 The LORD is known for righteous acts
And justice to downtrodden ones.
- 7 To Moses he made known his ways,
His mighty deeds to Israel's sons.
- 8 The LORD is merciful and kind,
To anger slow, and full of grace.
- 9 He will not constantly reprove,
Or in his anger hide his face.
- 10 He does not punish our misdeeds
Or give our sins their just reward.
- 11 How great his love - as high as heaven -
Towards all those who fear the LORD!

Closing Prayer

FOLLOW UP QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

1. In the parable Jesus uses monetary debts to teach His message. **How** do we see "sins" or "offences" against us as being similar to debts? [For example if someone has hurt me by lying about me is there a debt incurred?]. Think of other offences. **To whom** is the debt owed? (you might like to reflect on Psalm 51, particularly v4).
2. What are our feelings about the different characters in the story? (e.g., do we feel compassion or "pity," anger, fear, joy, ...) Which character do we feel closest or most similar to? Why? Which character do we feel most distant or different from? Why?