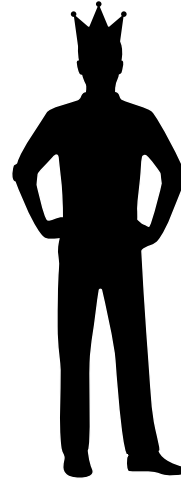


- Matthew 18:28



- A Few Good Men
 - Colonel Nathan Jessup (Jack Nicholson)
 - “You can’t handle the truth!”
- You don’t know how to forgive.
 - I’m not yelling at you.
 - But I kept hearing this as I have been studying about forgiveness.

A king who wished to settle accounts with his servants



Matthew 18:23-27

- Matthew 18:23-27 (ESV) 23 “Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants.

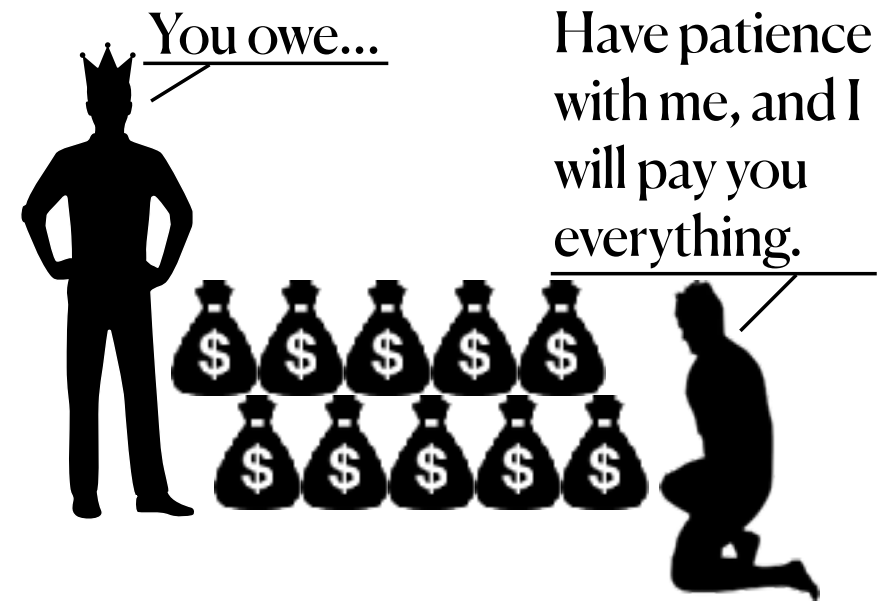
A king who wished to settle accounts with his servants



Matthew 18:23-27

- 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.

A king who wished to settle accounts with his servants



Matthew 18:23-27

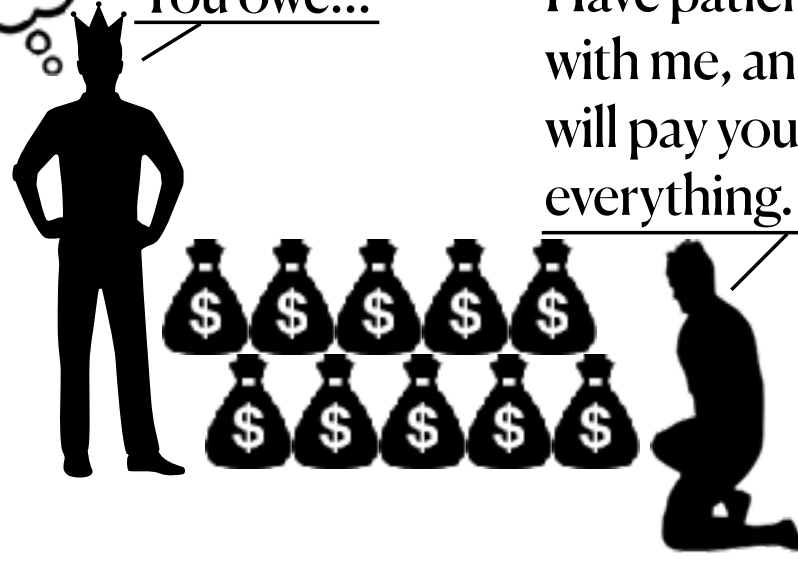
- 26 So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.'

A king who wished to settle accounts with his servants

pity

You owe...

Have patience
with me, and I
will pay you
everything.



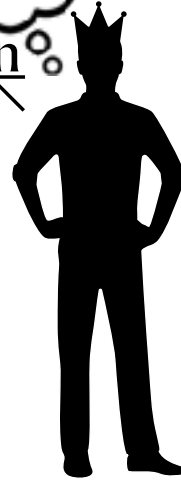
Matthew 18:23-27

- 27 And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt

A king who wished to settle accounts with his servants

pity

released & forgiven



Have patience
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Matthew 18:23-27

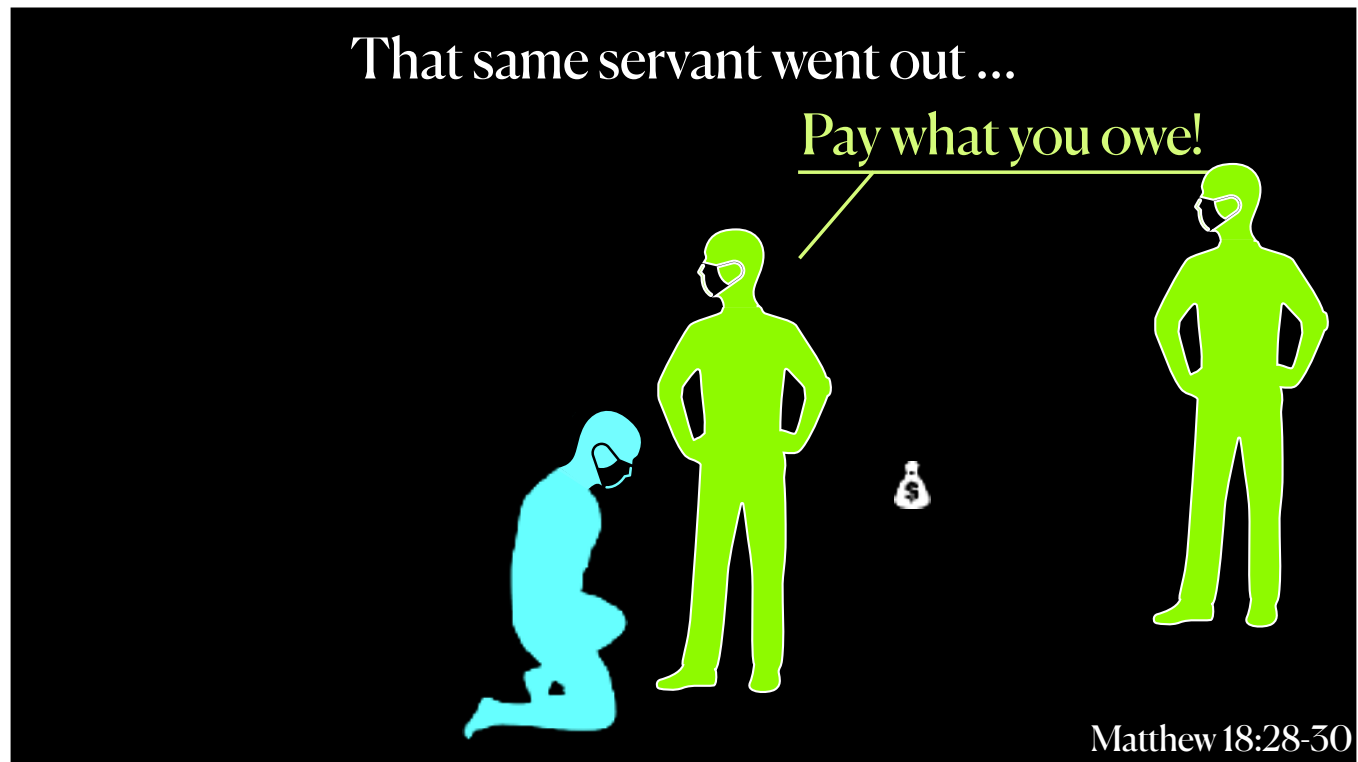
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That same servant went out ...

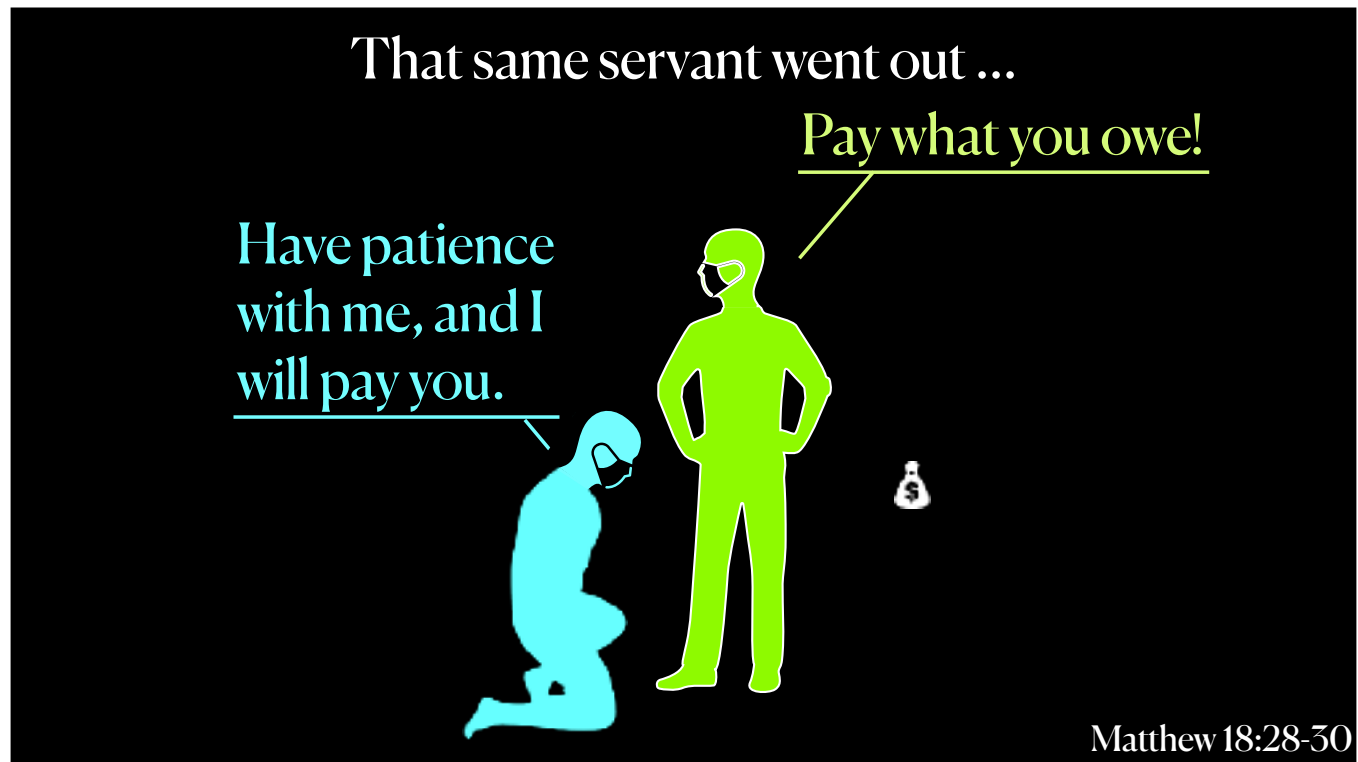


Matthew 18:28-30

- Matthew 18:28 — 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.'



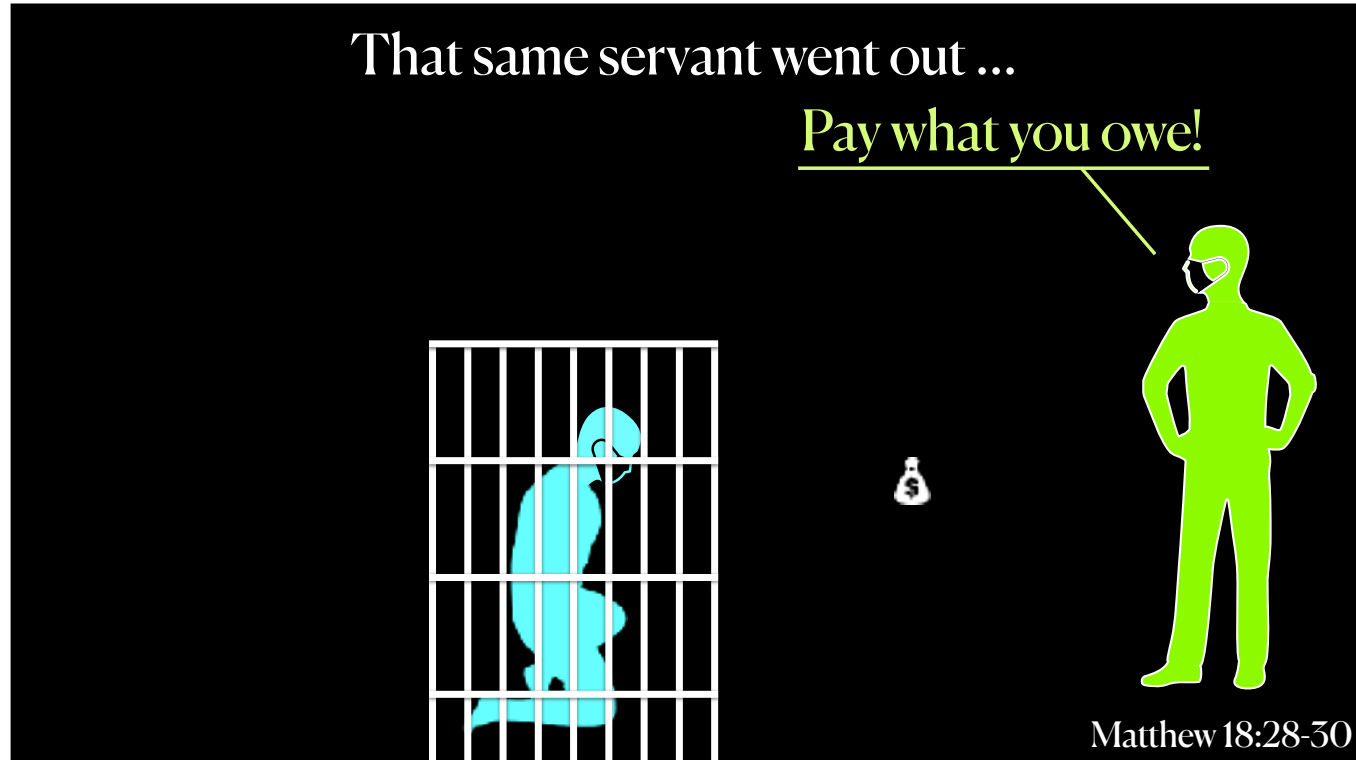
- Matthew 18:28 — But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.'



- Matthew 18:29 (ESV) 29 So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.'

That same servant went out ...

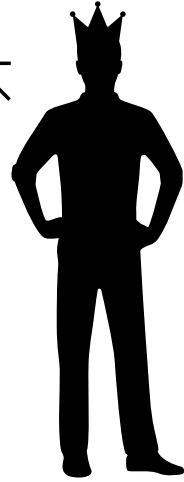
Pay what you owe!



- Matthew 18:30 — He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt.

A king who wished to settle accounts with his servants

You wicked servant!



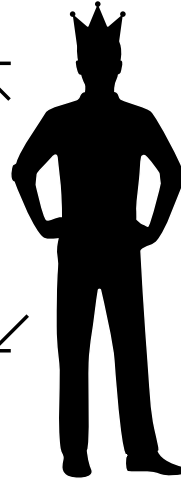
Matthew 18:32-34

- 32 Then his master summoned him and said to him,
 - ‘You wicked servant!

A king who wished to settle accounts with his servants

You wicked servant!

I forgave you all that
debt because you
pleaded with me.



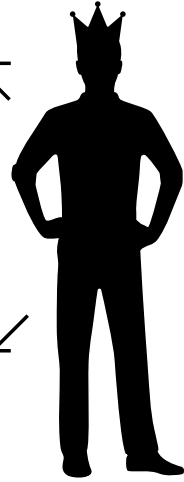
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A king who wished to settle accounts with his servants

You wicked servant!

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And should not you have had
mercy on your fellow servant,
as I had mercy on you?



Matthew 18:32-34

- 33 And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?

A king who wished to settle accounts with his servants



Matthew 18:32-34

- 34 And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers,
 - until he should pay all his debt.

A king who wished to settle accounts with his servants



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



Matthew 8:35

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



- Failure to Forgive is wickedness.
- To forgive is to be merciful, like my Father.
- Forgiveness must be genuine.



**Failure to
forgive is
wickedness.**

- “You wicked servant” (32)
 - Servant vs. Master: I like to think I’m above/greater than then one who sinned against me.
 - Wicked
 - seizing, choke
 - Aggressive and Belligerent
- 30: He refused!
 - I just can’t forgive



**Failure to
forgive is
wickedness.**

- The Older Brother

- Luke 15:25-32 (ESV) 25 “Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. 26 And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. 27 And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.’ 28 But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, 29 but he answered his father, ‘Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. 30 But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!’ 31 And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. 32 It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.’”



- Anger and Denial
 - Angry and refused to Go in (Anger, refused fellowship with Father!)
- Self-righteousness
 - I have served and never disobeyed
 - Superiority; I'm not as bad as him; righteous
- Jealousy
 - You haven't given me as much
- Despise
 - Son of yours (denial of relationship)
- Judging & Condemning
 - Wasted money and Prostitutes
 - assumed sins; exaggerated?



- Why is it wickedness?
 - Violence over a small debt
 - Does this imply that we tend exaggerate the our grievances, hurt, wounds when sinned against?
 - Does this imply that we feel justified in our outrage? Sense of being owed “justice”? recompense?



- It is rooted in selfishness.
 - Too often forgiveness is self focused.
 - You did this to me.
 - You owe me.
 - You must make it up to me.
 - What are you going to do to make this right?



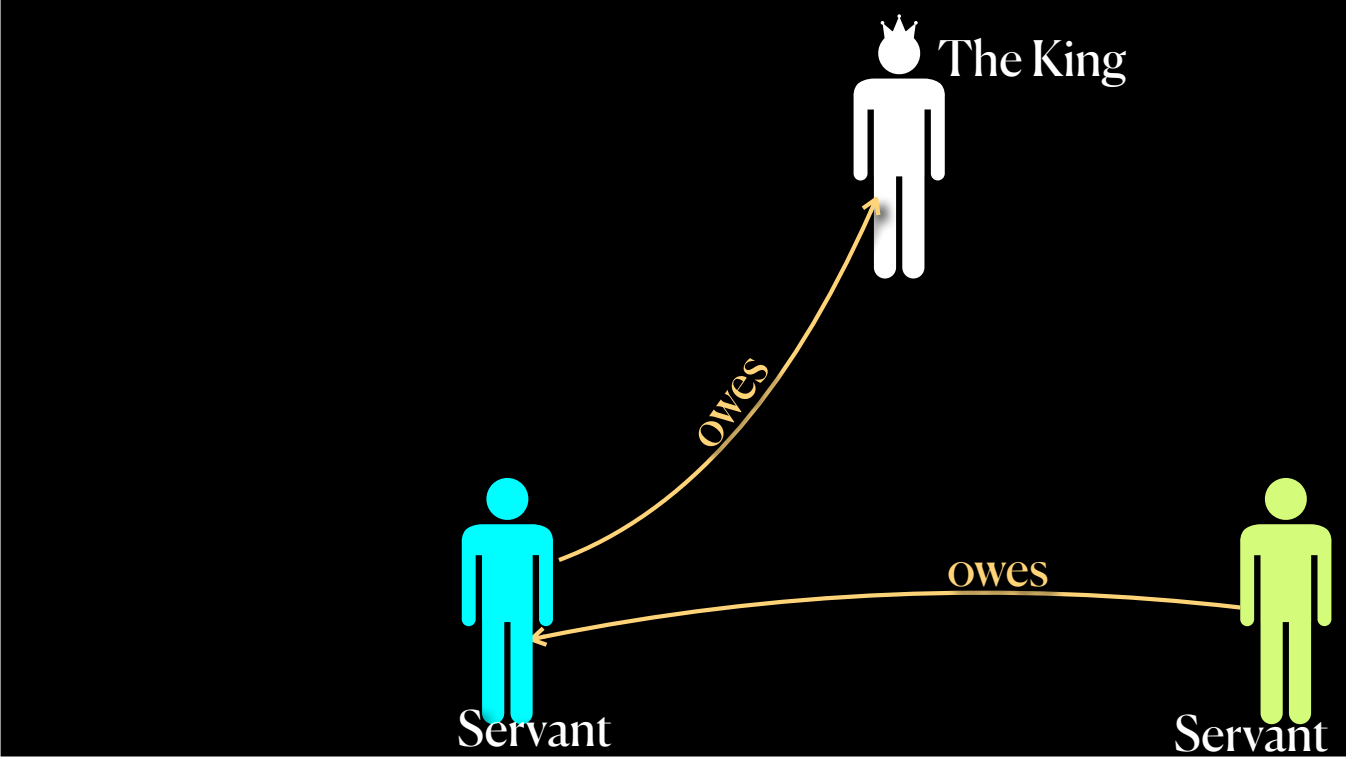
- Why didn't he forgive?
- Things that Prevent (Impede) forgiveness
 - Holding on to anger
 - Thinking of self (moral superiority!)
 - Judging
 - Seeing "fairness"
 - Repayment

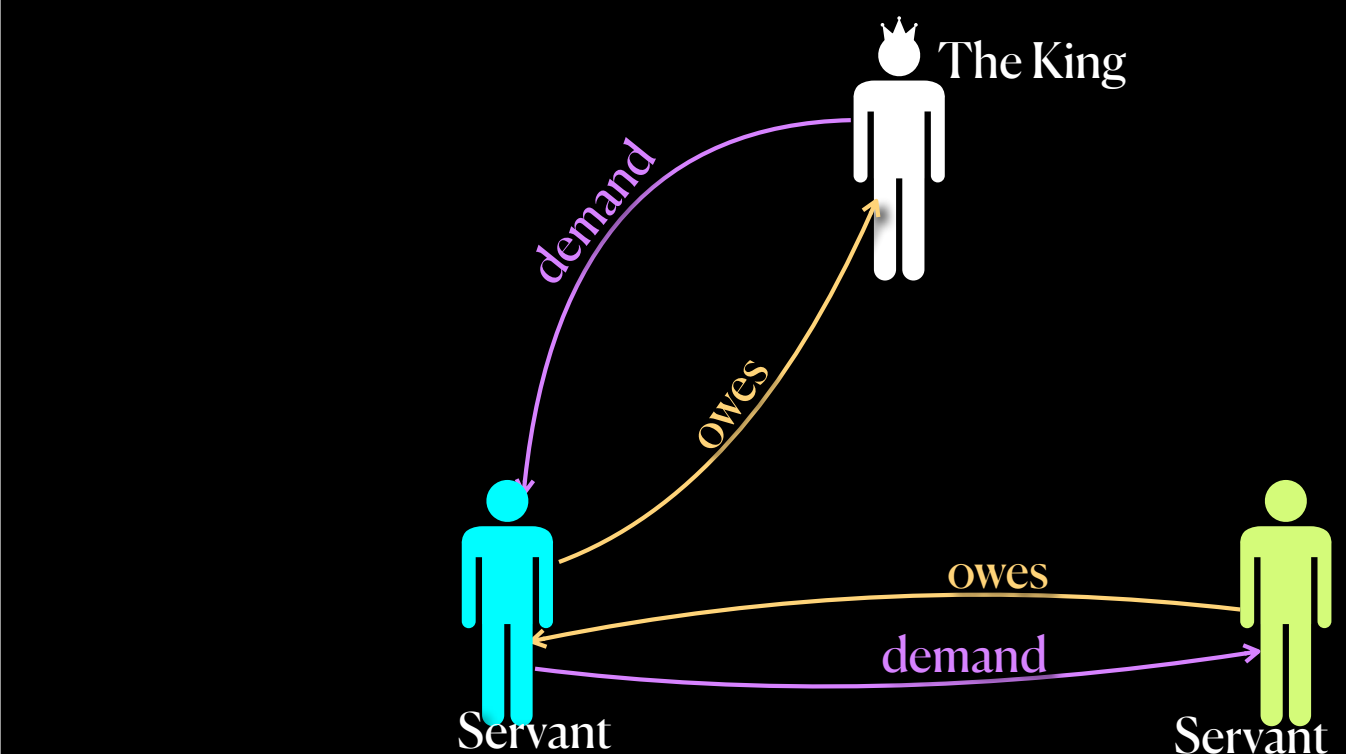


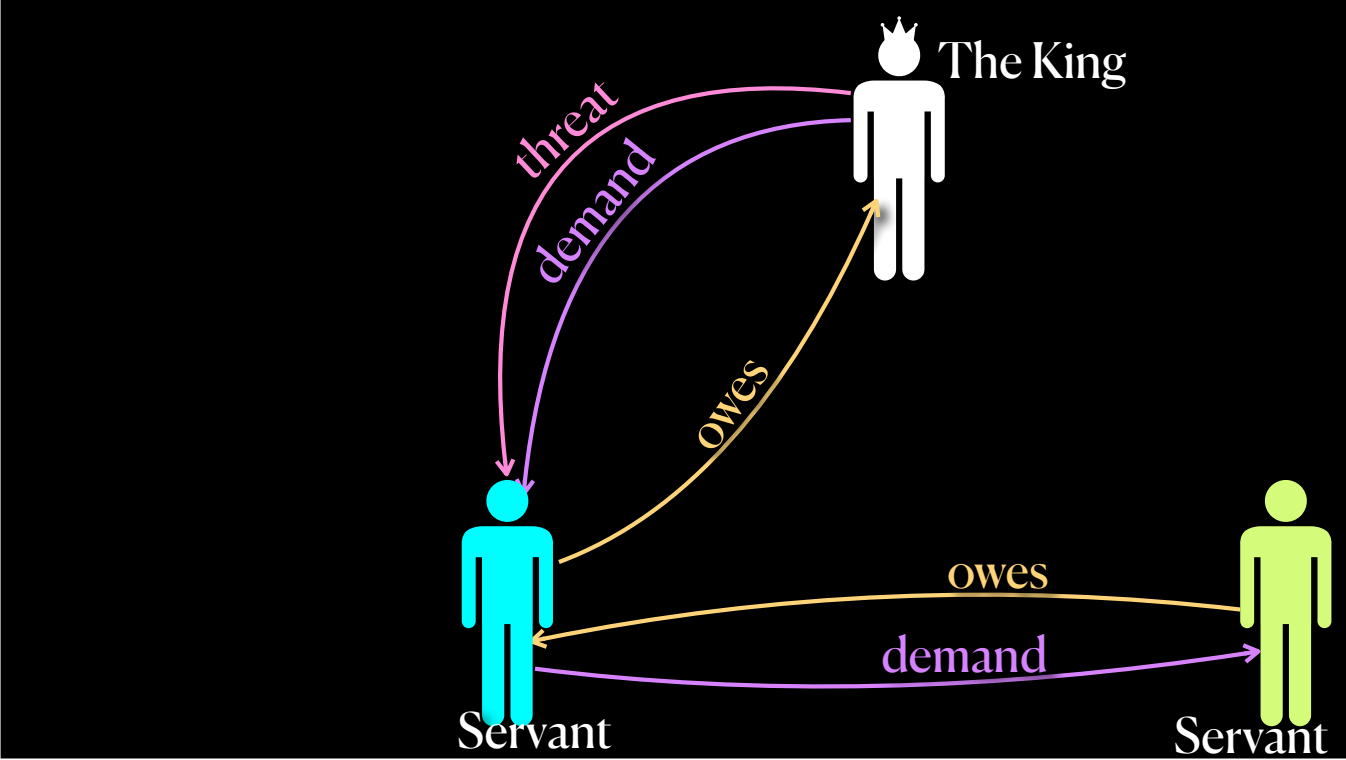
**Forgive
your
brother!**

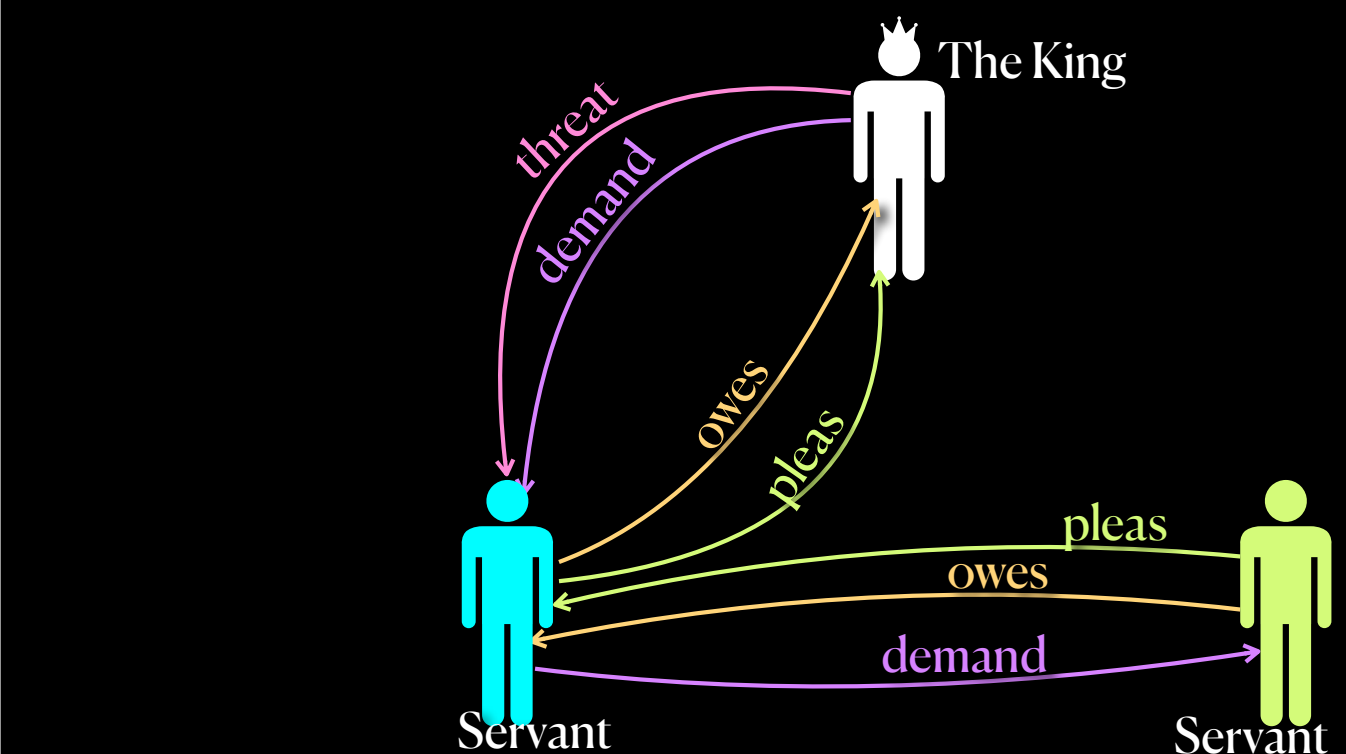
**We implore you on
behalf of Christ,
be reconciled to God.**

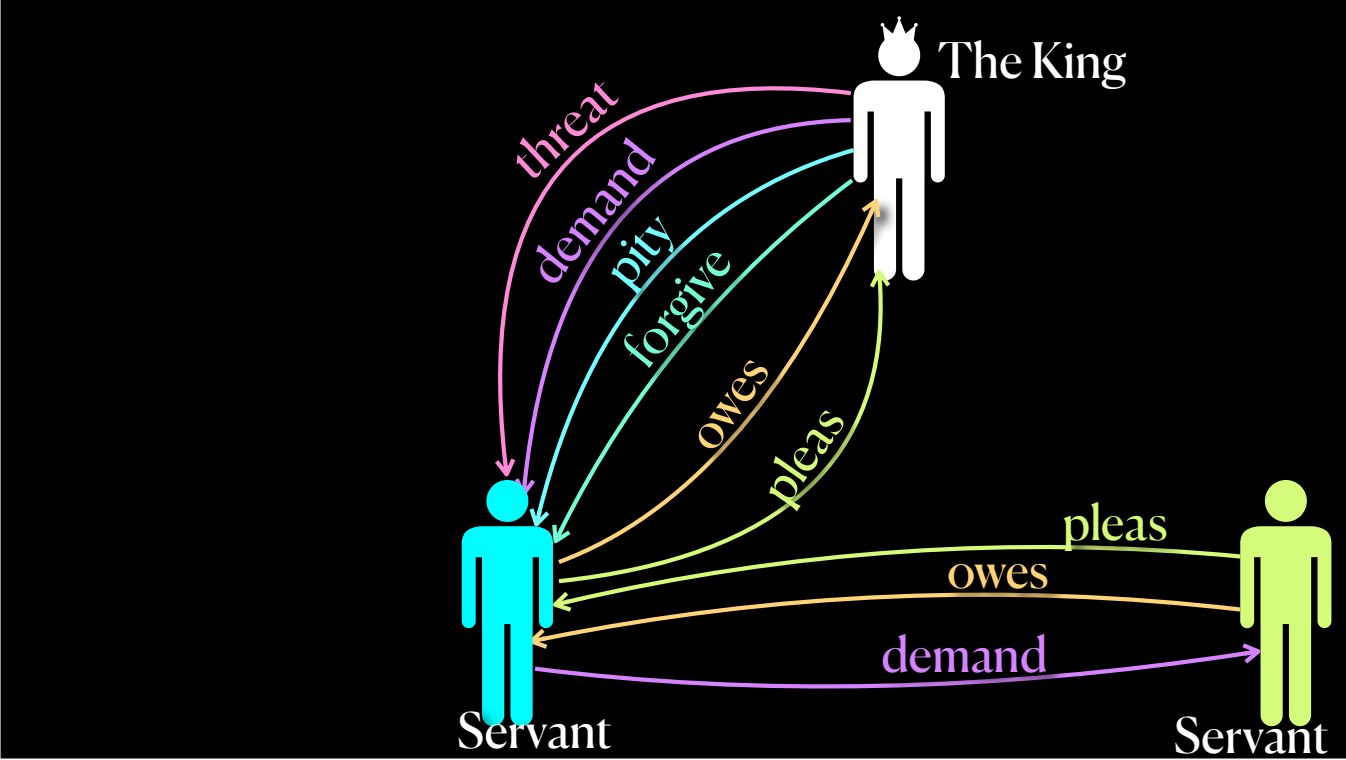
2 Corinthians 5:20

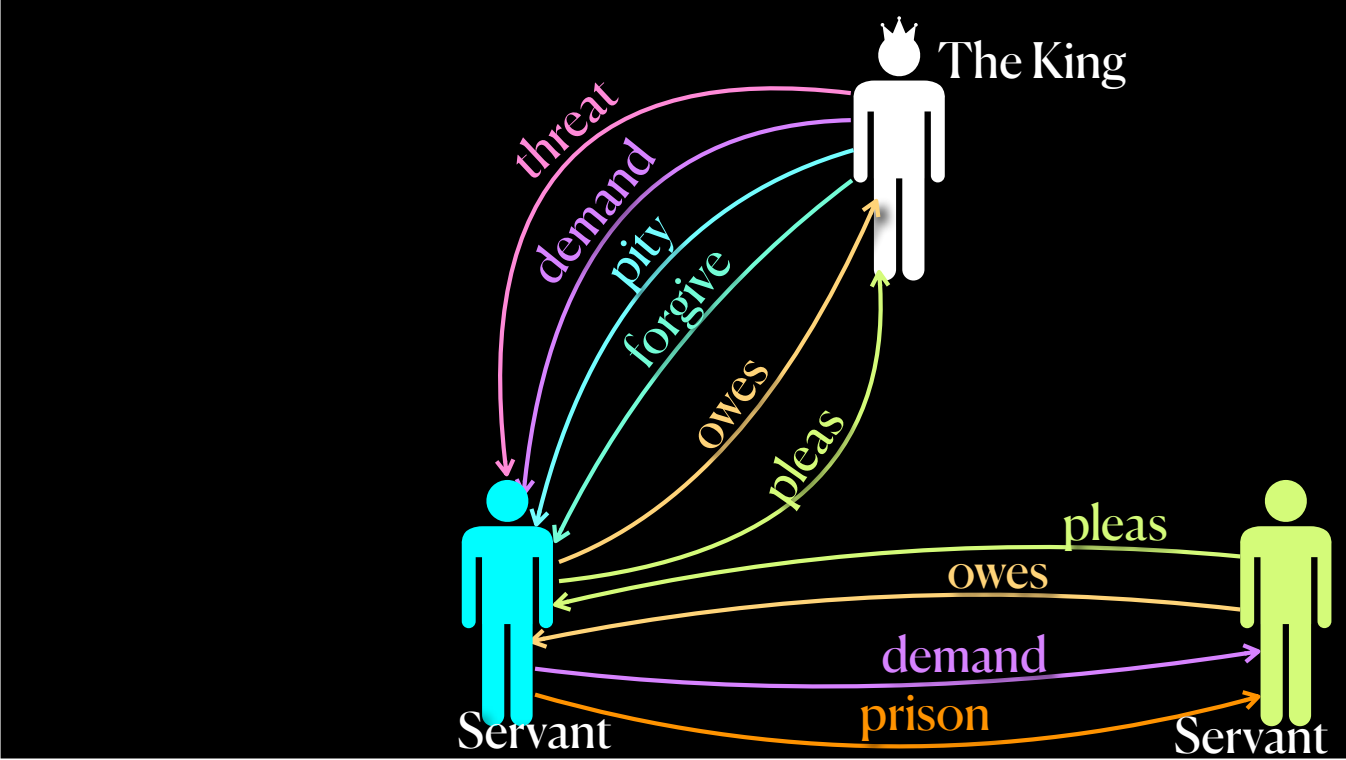












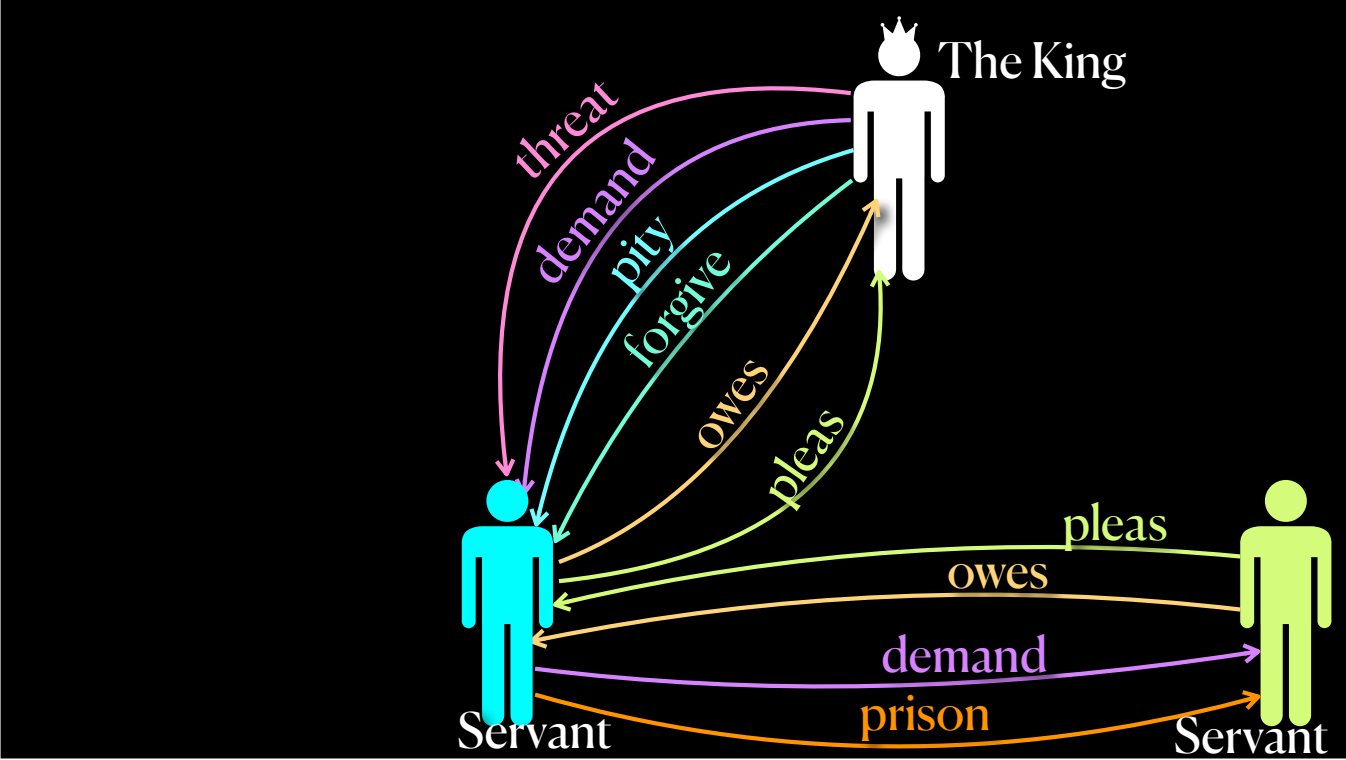


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Forgive Your Brother - 1

Matthew 18:28-35; Psalm 103

Synopsis: In this lesson we learn not only the importance of forgiving my brother, but are taught by God how we must forgive those who have sinned against us. Too often we make excuses for not forgiving, when we should be finding reasons to forgive authentically. This lesson focus is on the wickedness of refusing to forgive.

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“Let all that you do be done with love.”