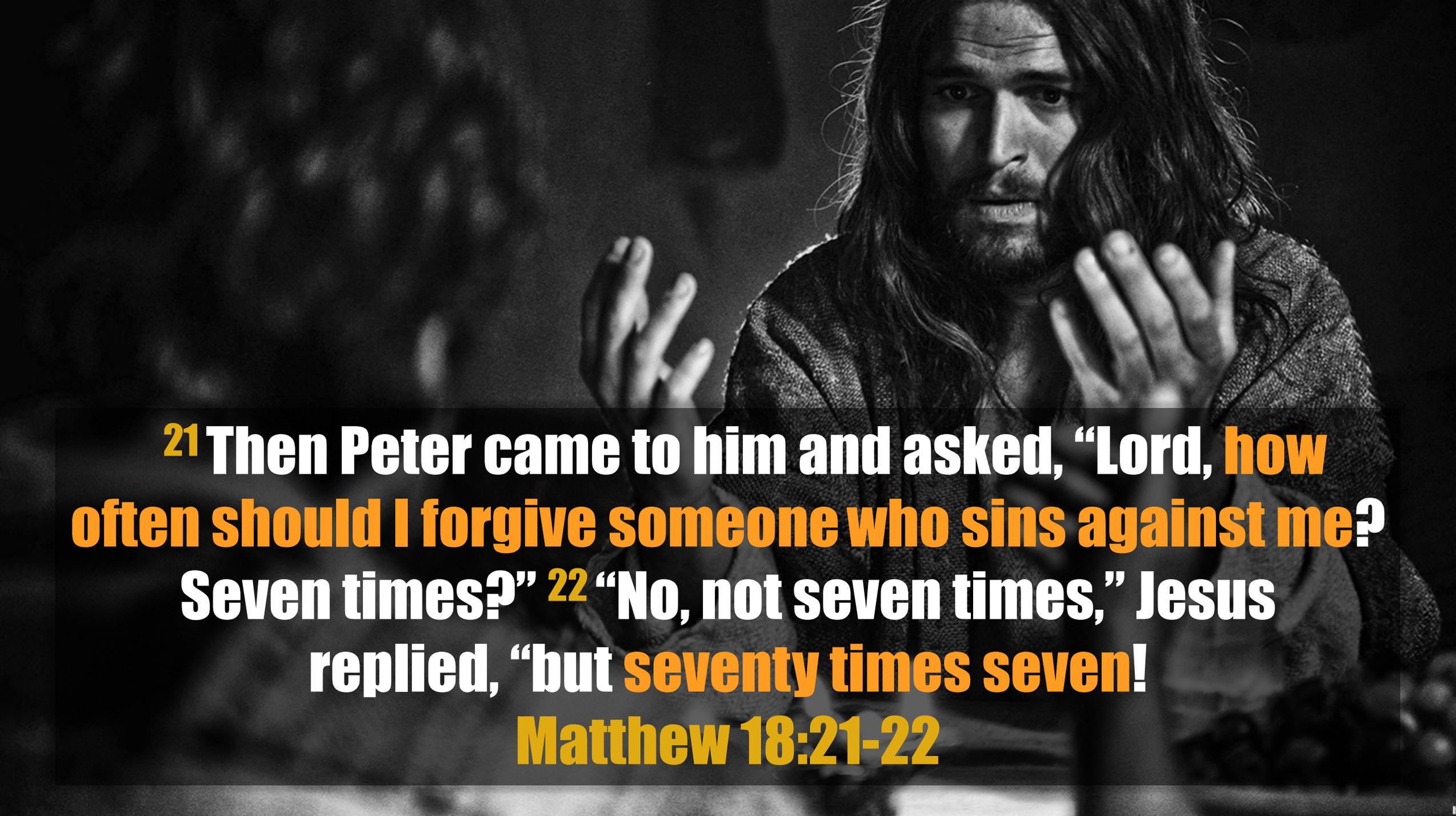




# **KINGDOM COMMANDS**

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## **32. FORGIVE OFFENDER**



**21** Then Peter came to him and asked, “Lord, **how often should I forgive someone who sins against me? Seven times?**” **22** “No, not seven times,” Jesus replied, “but **seventy times seven!**”

**Matthew 18:21-22**

# *Forgiveness*

Forgiveness doesn't make the other person right, **it makes you free.** Stormie Omartian

Forgiveness is the key that unlocks the door of resentment and the handcuffs of hatred. **It is a power that breaks the chains of bitterness and the shackles of selfishness.** Corrie Ten Boom

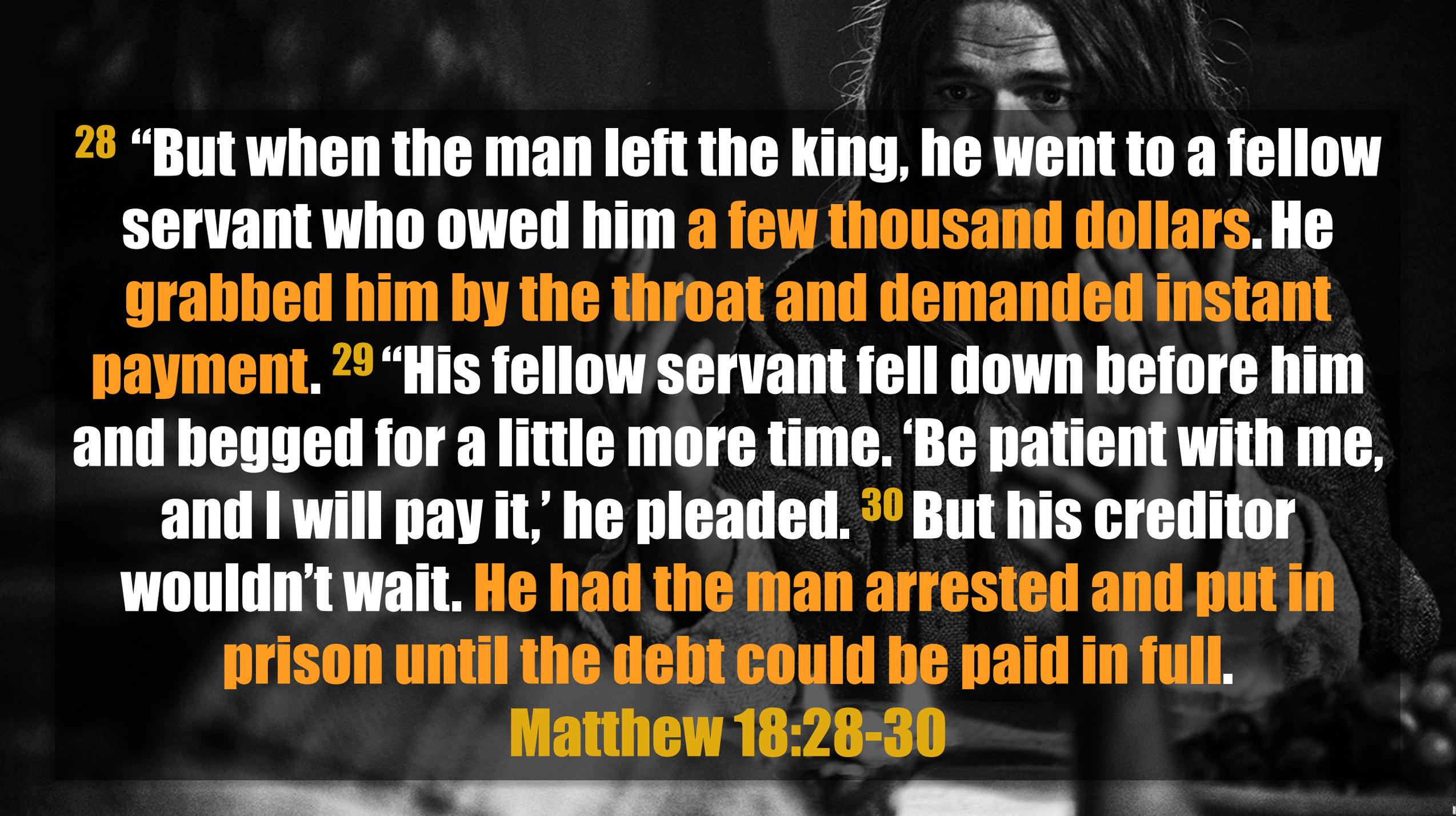
Whatever our religion, we know that **if we really want to love, we must first learn to forgive.**

**Mother Teresa**

A photograph showing two individuals from behind, wearing grey and dark grey hooded sweatshirts. They are embracing each other against a light-colored, textured wall. The person on the left has their hand on the shoulder of the person on the right. The scene is intimate and suggests a moment of support or reconciliation.

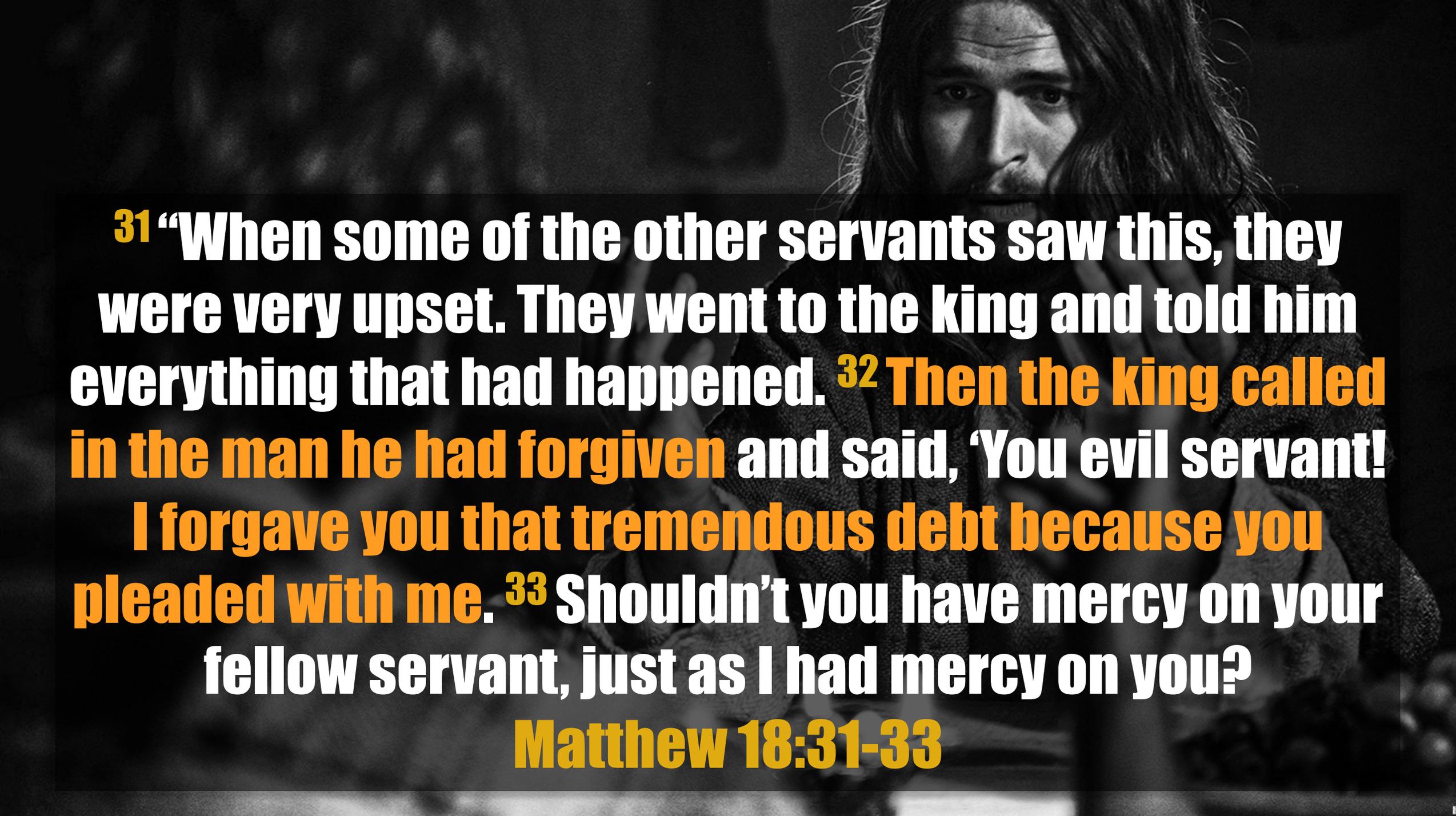
**T1 FORGIVENESS IS GOD'S CULTURE.**

*Matthew 18:28-35*



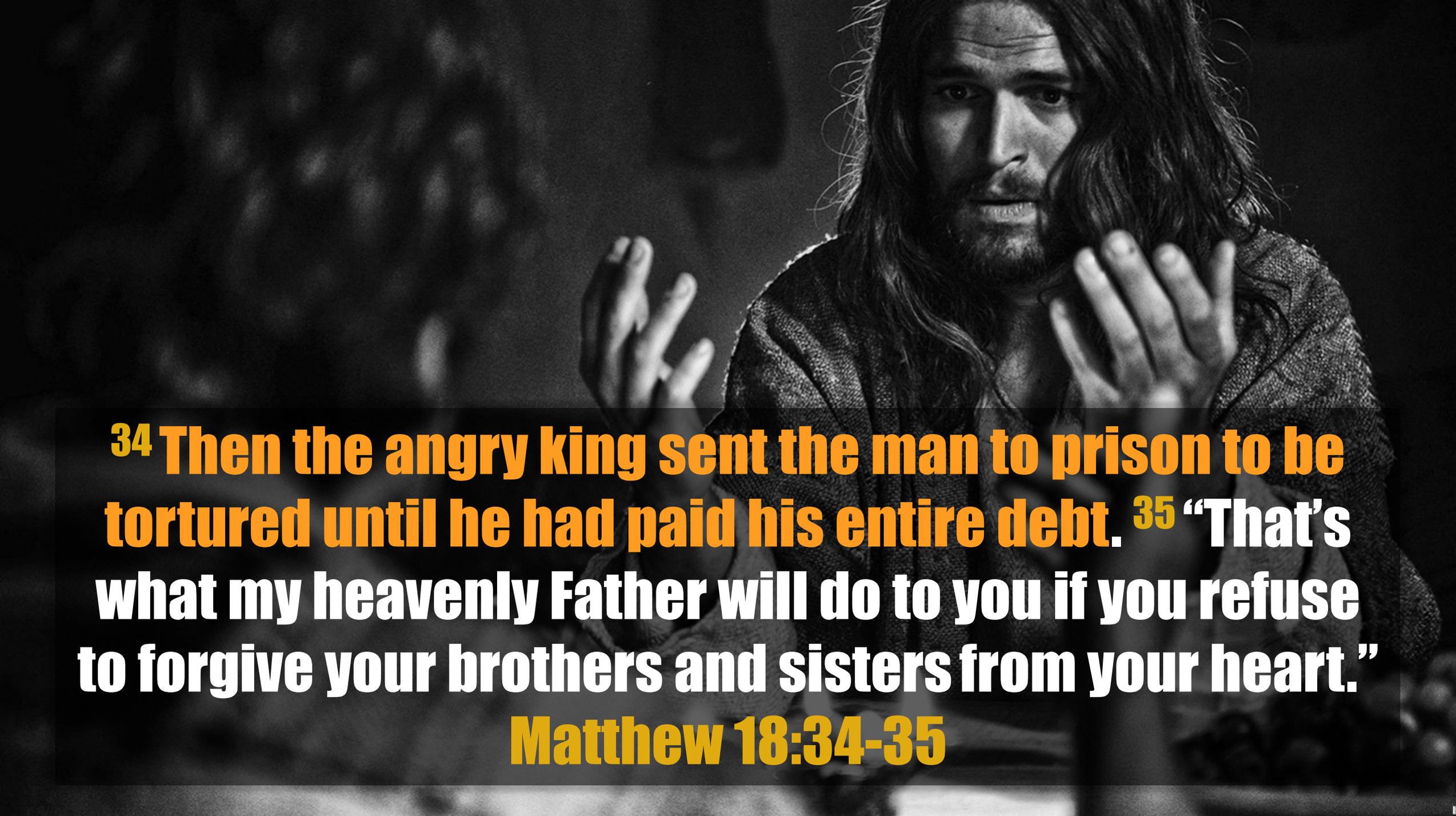
**28** “But when the man left the king, he went to a fellow servant who owed him **a few thousand dollars**. He **grabbed him by the throat and demanded instant payment.** **29** “His fellow servant fell down before him and begged for a little more time. ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay it,’ he pleaded. **30** But his creditor **wouldn’t wait. He had the man arrested and put in prison until the debt could be paid in full.**

**Matthew 18:28-30**



**31** “When some of the other servants saw this, they were very upset. They went to the king and told him everything that had happened. **32** Then the king called in the man he had forgiven and said, ‘You evil servant! I forgave you that tremendous debt because you pleaded with me. **33** Shouldn’t you have mercy on your fellow servant, just as I had mercy on you?’

**Matthew 18:31-33**



**34** Then the angry king sent the man to prison to be tortured until he had paid his entire debt. **35** “That’s what my heavenly Father will do to you if you refuse to forgive your brothers and sisters from your heart.”

**Matthew 18:34-35**



# *Forgiveness*

**When we hate our enemies, we are giving them power over us: power over our sleep, our appetites, our blood pressure, our health and our happiness. Our enemies would dance with joy if only they knew how they were worrying us, lacerating us, and getting even with us!**

**Our hate is not hurting them at all, but our hate is turning our days and nights into a hellish turmoil.**

**Dale Carnegie**



**T2 FORGIVENESS IS SUPERNATURAL**

***Ephesians 4:31-32***



**31** Get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words, and slander, as well as all types of evil behavior. **32** Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you.

**Ephesians 4:31-32**

# *Forgiveness*

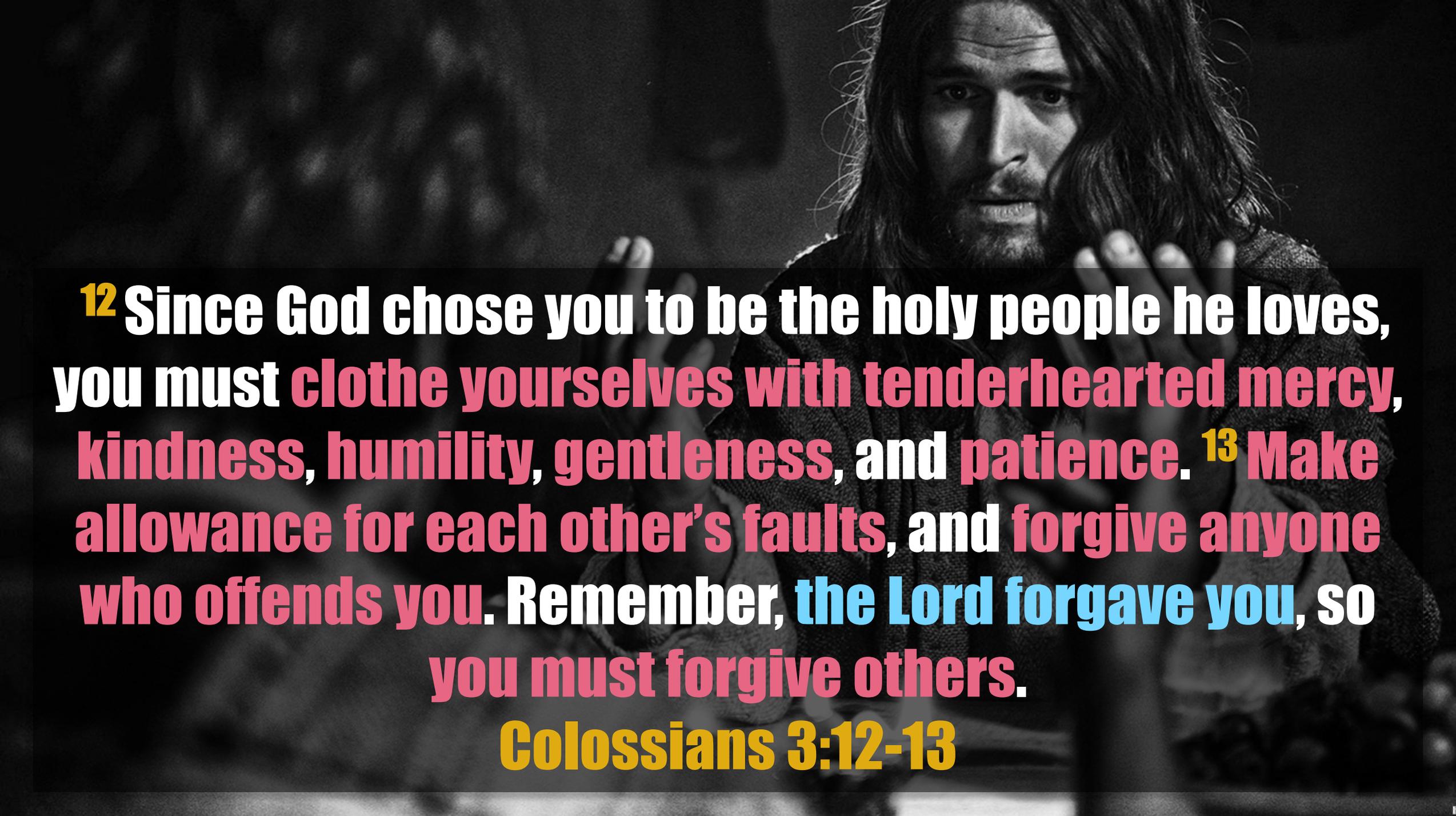
Forgiveness does not mean that we suppress anger; **forgiveness means that we have asked for a miracle:** the ability to see through mistakes that someone has made to the truth that lies in all of our hearts. Forgiveness is not always easy. **At times, it feels more painful than the wound we suffered,** to forgive the one that inflicted it. And yet, **there is no peace without forgiveness.** Attack thoughts towards others are attack thoughts towards ourselves. The first step in forgiveness is the willingness to forgive.

**Marianne Williamson**



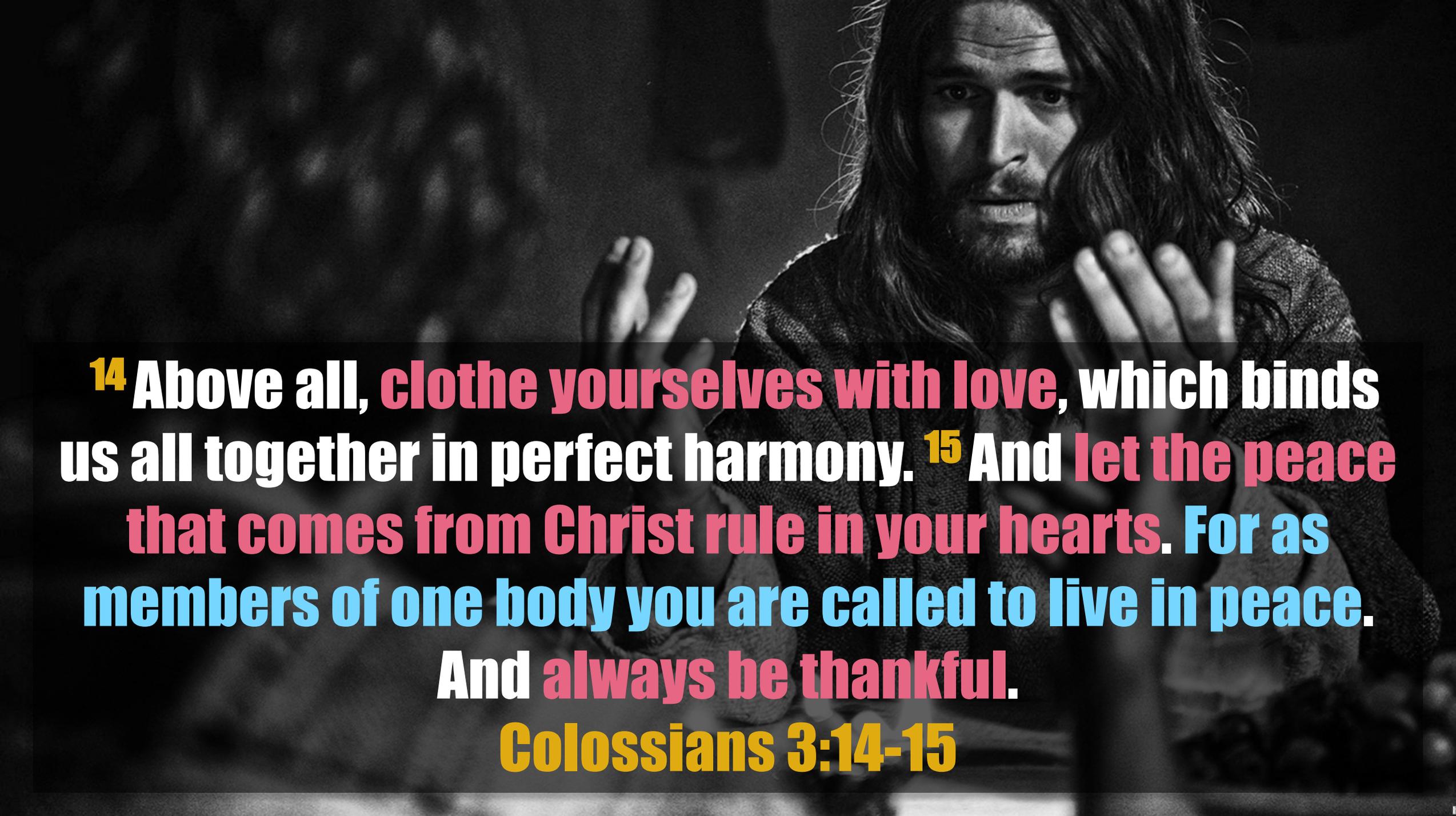
**T3 FORGIVENESS CREATES HARMONY.**

***Colossians 3:12-15***



**12** Since God chose you to be the holy people he loves, you must **clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience.** **13** Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, **the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others.**

**Colossians 3:12-13**



**14** Above all, **clothe yourselves with love**, which binds us all together in perfect harmony. **15** And **let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts. For as members of one body you are called to live in peace.**

**And always be thankful.**

**Colossians 3:14-15**