

PBC Growing in Christ

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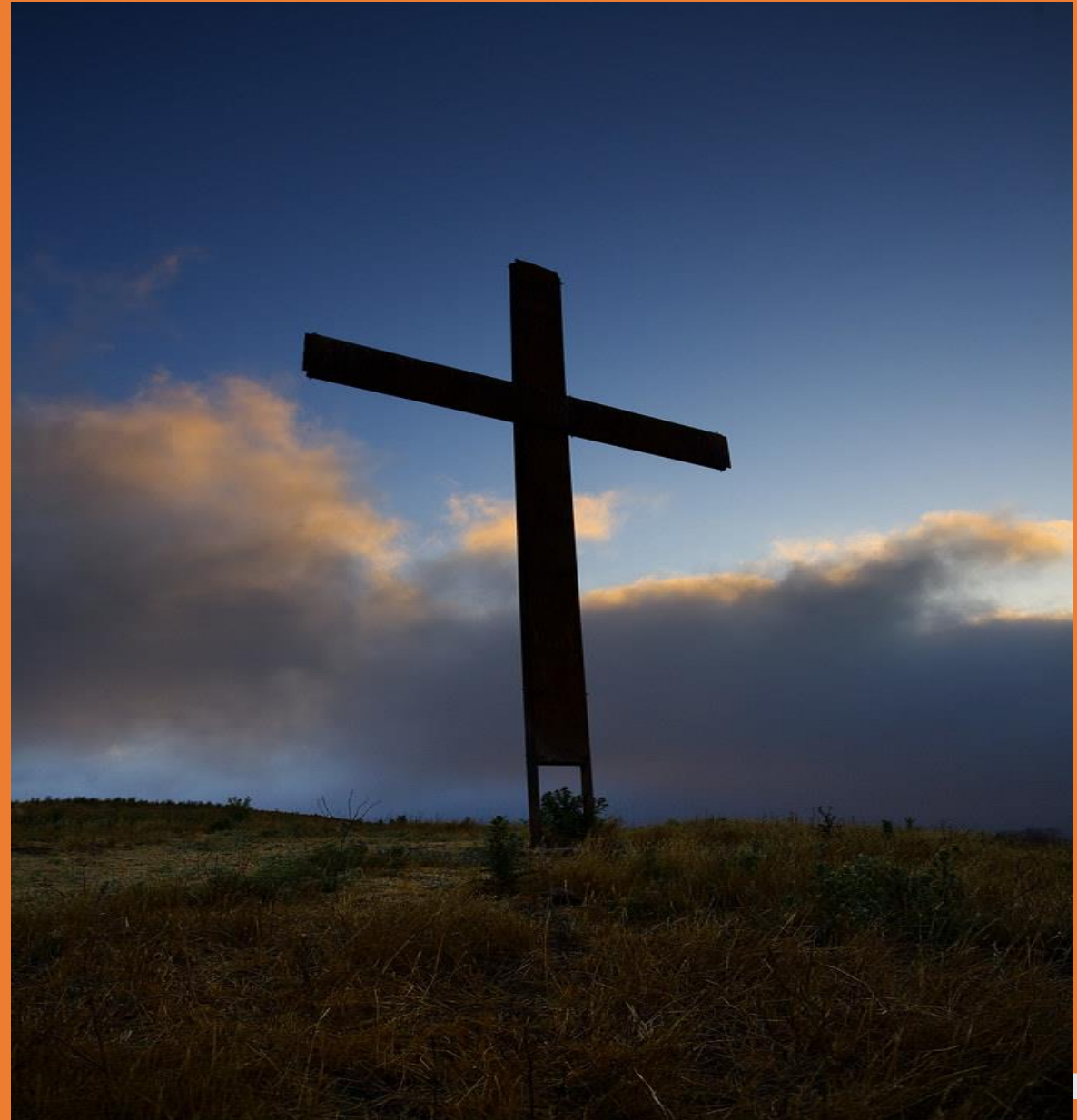
Class Norms

A large, dark wooden cross stands in a field of tall grass. The background is a sunset sky with soft, golden light breaking through the clouds. The cross is the central focus of the image, symbolizing faith and community.

- Place your microphone on mute.
- Use the chat room. Located in the upper right of the screen.
- Interact in the class just raise your hand. The instructor will take you off mute.
- Technology may not always work....please be patient.
- God is always in the midst
- Enjoy the class.

Growing in Christ

- Every day is an opportunity to grow in the word.
- Growing in Christ will tackle real life issues, while studying the bible for its answers.
- Examine challenges believers and non-believers face every day.
- Growing in Christ bible study will focus on how Christians face challenges and how the bible addresses these issues.



Growing in Christ

To equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up. Until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. Ephesians 4:12-13 (NIV)





Forgive

Matthew 18:21-33

When was the last time
it cost you a lot to
fix something?

Scripture

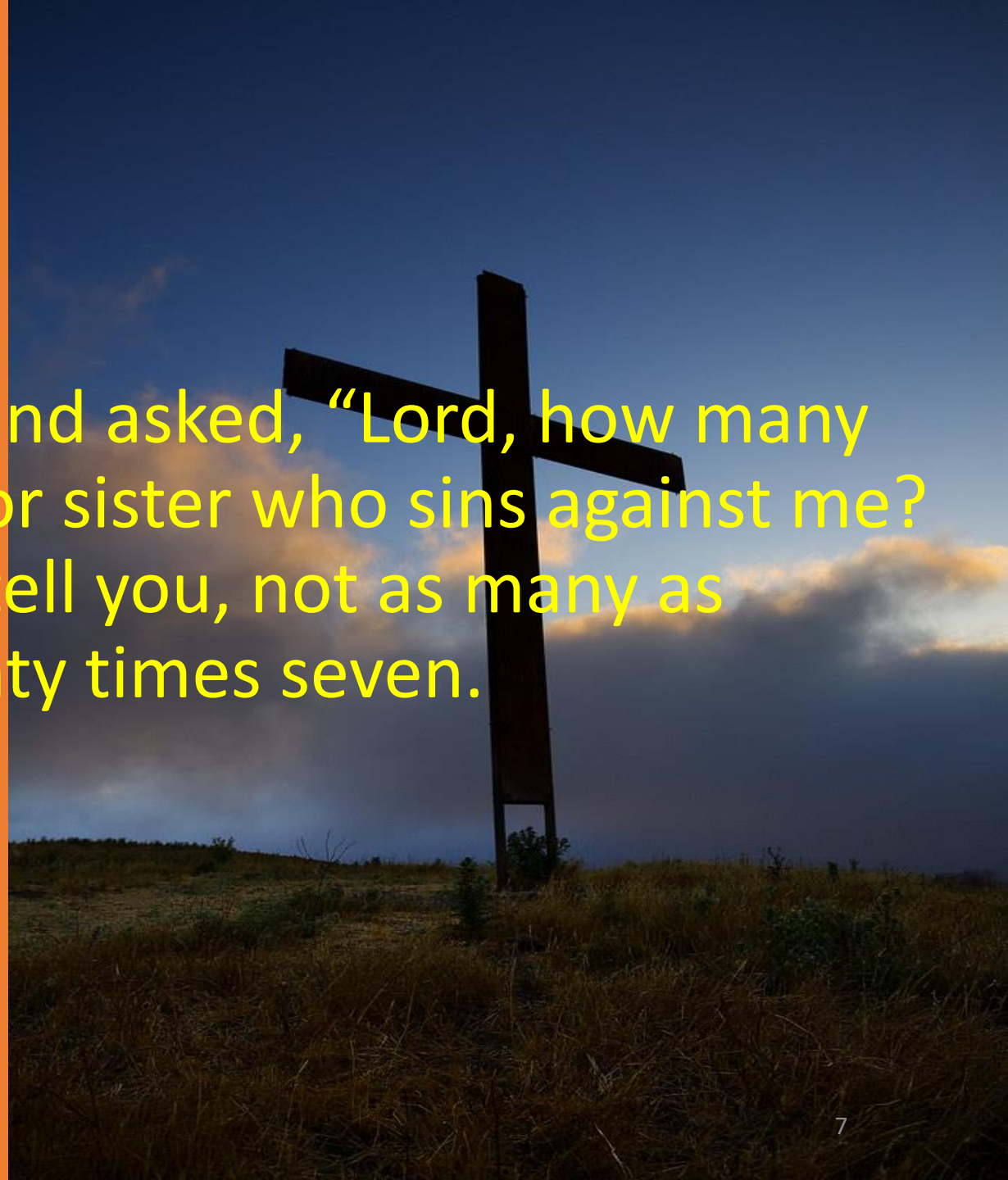
Matthew 18:15-20

15 “If your brother or sister *(The Greek word for brother or sister (adelphos) refers here to a fellow disciple, whether man or woman; also in verses 21 and 35).* sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over. 16 But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that ‘every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses. 17 If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church; and if they refuse to listen even to the church, treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector. 18 “Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. 19 “Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. 20 For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.”

Scripture

Matthew 18:21-22

21 Then Peter approached him and asked, “Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? As many as seven times?” 22 “I tell you, not as many as seven,” Jesus replied, “but seventy times seven.





Forgiveness

Matthew 18:21-22

What can happen when we forgive someone?

How dependent is your forgiveness on someone else's apology?

Forgiveness

Matthew 18:21-22



- How many times should you forgive?
 - Believer must forgive and keep on forgiving
- Believers may accept mistreatment as a loss as part of the gospel, but do not accept dehumanized or dangerous behavior as part of the forgiveness process.
- Forgive in your own heart which will make peace with the past and move you forward in life

Scripture

Matthew 18:23-27

23 “For this reason, the kingdom of heaven can be compared to a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. 24 When he began to settle accounts, one who owed ten thousand talents was brought before him.

25 Since he did not have the money to pay it back, his master commanded that he, his wife, his children, and everything he had be sold to pay the debt. 26 “At this, the servant fell facedown before him and said, ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay you everything.’ 27 Then the master of that servant had compassion, released him, and forgave him the loan.



Forgiveness

Matthew 18:23-27

What are some obstacles that hinder us from forgiving others?

How are grace and mercy connected to forgiveness?



Forgive

Matthew 18:23-27

- The debt: 10,000 talents owed
 - One talent= 6000 denarii
 - One denarii=one daily wage
- 60 million days of work or 192,307 years of service
- Our tendency as human is to somehow make our relationship right with God, if only offered enough time

Scripture

Matthew 18:28, 32-33

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.

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?’ ”



Forgiveness

Matthew 18:28, 32-33

How do the king's actions in this parable mirror God's actions toward us?



Forgive

Matthew 18:23-37

- The servant failed to make the connection between receiving mercy versus giving mercy.
- True forgiveness leads to both gratitude and transformation.
- The power of grace will shatter all of the sinful, selfish rules that shackle our relationships of others.

Note: the unforgiven servant ended up in jail, Matthew 18:34



GROWING IN CHRIST IN ACTION

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Evaluate. Consider your current relationships and spend time identifying areas of unforgiveness in your heart.

Take a small step. Make an effort to extend forgiveness in a relationship where you've been wronged or slighted. Take the first step even if you've done nothing wrong.

Take a large step. Identify a relationship in which you need to be forgiven—one where you've contributed to bad feelings, or even where you're completely in the wrong. With humility, make an effort to bridge the gap.

Final thoughts about Forgiveness

- Relationships grow deeper with forgiveness
- Forgiveness does not require you to remain in an abusive a relationships
- You can forgive in your heart to release the past and move forward in the future.





Final thoughts about Forgiveness

Remember!!!!

“We are going love the hell out
you!

Resources

Matthew 18:15-20, 29-31, 18:34-35

BIBLE-Basic Instruction Before Leaving Earth

[Bible.com](https://www.bible.com)



Next Week: July 12, 2020
Serve

Galatians 5:13-15; 6:1-5,10

When have you received stellar service?"



God Bless You!

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