

St. Matthew 18:21-35

NLT

Parable of the Unforgiving Debtor

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!”

²³ “Therefore, the Kingdom of Heaven can be compared to a king who decided to bring his accounts up to date with servants who had borrowed money from him. ²⁴ In the process, one of his debtors was brought in who owed him millions of dollars. ²⁵ He couldn’t pay, so his master ordered that he be sold—along with his wife, his children, and everything he owned—to pay the debt.

²⁶ “But the man fell down before his master and begged him, ‘Please, be patient with me, and I will pay it all.’ ²⁷ Then his master was filled with pity for him, and he released him and forgave his debt.

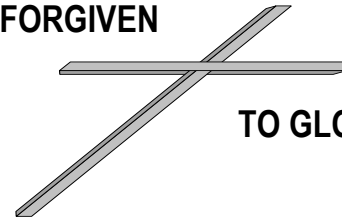
²⁸ “But when the man left the king, he went to a fellow servant who owed him a few thousand dollars. He grabbed him by the throat and demanded instant payment.

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.

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?’ 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.”

FORGIVEN



TO GLORIFY, WITNESS & SERVE

HOW MANY TIMES DO
I NEED TO FORGIVE?

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Sunday 13th September 2026 10:30 am

**The Celebration of the Good News of Jesus Christ
In the Spirit, the Presence, & Power of the Risen Lord
To Discover New Dimensions of, New Possibilities for
Living our best Christ Life!**

Celebrating the Truth of the Presence of God – Alleluia!

Call to Worship:

Praise: “In Your Time” **SB #63**

Welcome, and announcements:

Celebrating the Truth of Forgiveness – We Receive New Life!

Prayer, and the Lord’s prayer:

Praise: “To God be the glory” **SB #84**

Celebrating the Truth of God’s Word! - We are Listening!

Scripture: St. Matthew 18:21-35 NLT

Message: “The Restorative Relationship Place”

Celebrating the Truth of God’s gifts to us – We Are Accountable

Prayer of Thanksgiving:

Presentation of our Tithes and Offerings:

+ Offertory

Doxology: “**God my Father loving me**” vs 3, 4 **BP #359**

Prayer of Dedication

Praise: “Rock of ages” **BP #397**

Celebrating the Truth of our Going Forth – We Leave for Ministry

Benediction:

Interpersonal Benediction: “My Peace” **SB #42**

Worship & Sacraments Team: Prayer Requests

Bernice Baum – at home

Gladys Brown – Doon Village Retirement Home

Frank De Vries – at home

Ann Gray – Trinity Village

Doug Greenwood – Huronview LTC, Clinton

Frank Ingold – at home

Bob Kenzie – Sunnyside Home

Dee Lamothe – Winston Park LTC

Larry Mason – AgeCare West Williams LTC

Mary Master – A. R. Goudie LTC

Dolly McCormack – Court at Laurelwood Retirement Home

Marg & Terry McCorriston – at home

Curt Ryan – AgeCare West Williams LTC

Shirley Steinberg – Winston Park LTC

Dirk Vanderheide – at home

Rose Vanderkruk – at home

Events This Week: 13th – 20th September 2026

Sunday: 10:30 am – Sunday Worship Service; Sunday School; Coffee, cake, & conversation in the Gray Hall.

Monday: 3:15 – 6 pm – Music Therapy
7:30 – 9:30 pm – GRIPS in the Gray Hall

Tuesday: 3:30 – 8 pm – Music Therapy
6:30 – 8 pm – Sparks in the Gray Hall
7 pm – Presbytery meeting at Kortright PC Guelph

Wednesday: 12 pm – 2 pm – Seniors’ Group pizza & planning lunch in the Gray Hall

6:30 – 9 pm – Scouts in the Gray Hall

Thursday: 9 – 11 am – Sonshine Corner this week

Friday: 12 – 5 pm – Music Therapy

Sunday: 10:30 am – Sunday Worship Service

Sunday School Fall 2026:

The dates this term for our regular bi-weekly Sunday School are: September 13 & 27; October 11 & 25; November 08 & 22; December 6.

We are looking for more Sunday School teachers, helpers, or back-ups to join the team. If interested, please contact Cathrine (gcejtaylor@gmail.com), Nicolene (nclemens7@yahoo.ca). We are thrilled to share and grow with the children this year. Peace and Joy, Cathrine, Graham, and Nicolene

Leading With Care: KEPC has been a Leading with Care congregation since its inception in 2004. We are strengthening our understanding of this national church policy and our implementation of it in our congregation here in 2026. Rob Gloin & Kerry Weir are spear-heading this within our congregation.

KEPC SENIORS will be meeting on Wednesday, September 16 at 12 noon in the Gray Hall for a pizza lunch and planning session for the 26/27 season. This will be a chance to reunite socially, contribute to the activities for the group and enjoy a pizza lunch. Beverages will be provided. Please let your callers know if you are planning to attend. If you wish more information, please speak to Pat Cluthé or Julie Murray.

BIBLE STUDY GROUP:

The Bible Study group will be gathering on Tuesday, September 29 at 9:30 am, both online and in person. The on-line study will be facilitated by Fiona and William Hewitt and the in-person one at KEPC Fireside Room by Julie Murray. The first topic for the 26/27 season will be Praying the Psalms. Study books will be provided at a cost of \$20 each. For more information, please speak to Julie Murray.

There will be an extra get together on Tuesday, September 22 for those interested in learning how to study Bible passages through the process of homiletics. Let Julie know if you are interested in this class.

From the Finance Team: options for financial giving to KEPC:

- 1) **Canada Post:** send your offering envelope in an envelope addressed to the Church: 10 Zeller Dr, Kitchener, ON, N2A 4A8
- 2) **E – transfer:** This involves using your online banking application using the e-transfer option & sending the transaction to the Church email: kepc@golden.net
- 3) **PAR: pre-authorized remittance.** This is set up once and an amount is withdrawn from your bank account monthly until you choose to stop it or change the amount. Contact Chris Clemens clemensc78@yahoo.ca and he can set you up.
- 4) **Tithe.ly** on our website, (click on the menu “Donate Now”) and donations can be through your Visa, Mastercard, or Debit.
- 5) The locked, **black box** on the wall of the sanctuary by the main doors for your offerings.

Thank-you for your ongoing and prayerful support of the mission and ministry of KEPC.

Financial Update: August 2026

We have a shortfall of a little over \$5000 for the month and a year-to-date shortfall of almost \$17,000. This is the last of the summer months so hopefully we'll see an uptick in offerings for the balance of the year so we can reach our goal of break-even financially. Thanks for your support of KEPC.

Grocery Cards:

We are participating in the grocery gift card program in our Region. If you would like to purchase grocery gift cards for the PC group of stores, and/or the Metro group of stores, please speak with Barb Cook, Rob Gloin, or Emmie Richardson. They are available every week. For each card we sell we receive a small amount back from the Community Charity Services.

Offering Envelopes: If you are interested in having assigned envelopes for 2026 and are not on PAR, please reach out to Chris at clemensc78@yahoo.ca. For anyone that has changed addresses, please let Chris and Mark know so that we can check our records and update them as required.

Women of Worship:

The September meeting of WOW will be on Saturday, September 26, 2026. The meetings run from 10 till noon. This month's meeting will be a Bingo Party, hosted by Pat Cluthé and Laura Stroph. All bingo game players and winners will receive the gift of having fun with friends. What could be better?

As always, all ladies are welcome. Even if bingo is not your thing, please come out just for the fellowship, conversation, and of course, treats.

Coffee, tea and treats will be provided. If you have any questions, please contact Jo Anne at 519-886-6559 or aitkenj09@gmail.com.

Upcoming Organ Concerts at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Fergus

St. Andrew's will host the second annual **Stephenson Organ Concert Series** during Ontario's Culture Days. These concerts are **free and open to the public**, offering an exciting musical experience for our congregation and the wider community.

Join us on Sundays at **4:00 PM** to hear four of Ontario's most accomplished organists:

- **September 13:** Fergus native **Kirk Adstett** kicks off the series with works by Bohm, Couperin, Bedard, and Young, among others.
- **September 20:** **Christopher Dawes** returns to play the masterworks of J.S. Bach.
- **September 27:** **Angus Sinclair** performs pieces by Mendelssohn, Elgar, and more.
- **October 4:** **Ian Sadler** wraps up the series with a brilliant selection including Saint-Saëns, Regar, and Bonnet. Ian will be joined by his wife, soprano **Catharine Sadler**, who will enrich the concert with a selection of vocal works.

Stay for Worship & Fellowship:

A brief 30-minute Evensong/Compline service will follow each concert, concluded by a community reception in Fellowship Hall.

The Stephenson Concert Series was established by Shelley Midura in memory of her father, W. Monroe Stephenson II, who served as a church organist and choir director in New Orleans for over 60 years.