Good Morning. This is Michael De Rosa from the Mountainside Community Church and I am continuing to unpack the Lord’s Prayer. Today we are in Matthew chapter 6, verse 12.

I will read it for us:

12‘And ([P](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew%206&version=NASB#cen-NASB-23295P))forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

Now, forgiveness is a very difficult topic. Sometimes we think that in giving it out, we are condoning past wrongs. Or, we want to not give it out to person who did a certain degree of wrong.

But, by not forgiving God’s way, we will forever hang on to the emotional pain of bitterness that eats at us like a cancer.

God loves us so much that Jesus is here letting us see the ultimate stakes of not forgiving, namely if we don’t, God won’t because by refusing to do what God commands our hearts become hardened and we can not receive God’s forgiveness.

So let me leave you with a question:

Can the continued bitterness we hang by not forgiving another ever be compared to the eternal blessings God gives to us when we do forgive

We can have either Bondage or Freedom

What will you choose?