



INTERPERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS

What it means to love one another

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LOVE IS #1

“And now these three remain: faith, hope and love.
But the greatest of these is love.”

1 Cor. 13:13

“Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?” Jesus replied: “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbour as yourself.’”

Matthew 22:36-39





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Matthew 18:21—35

FORGIVENESS



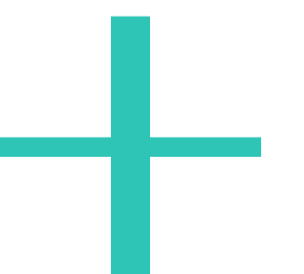
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FORGIVENESS

- ▶ *It is central to Christianity*
- ▶ *It is one of the hardest things we are commanded to do*
- ▶ *Jesus takes forgiveness very seriously indeed*



Parable of the unforgiving servant.

Matthew 18:21—35

Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us.

Luke 11:4

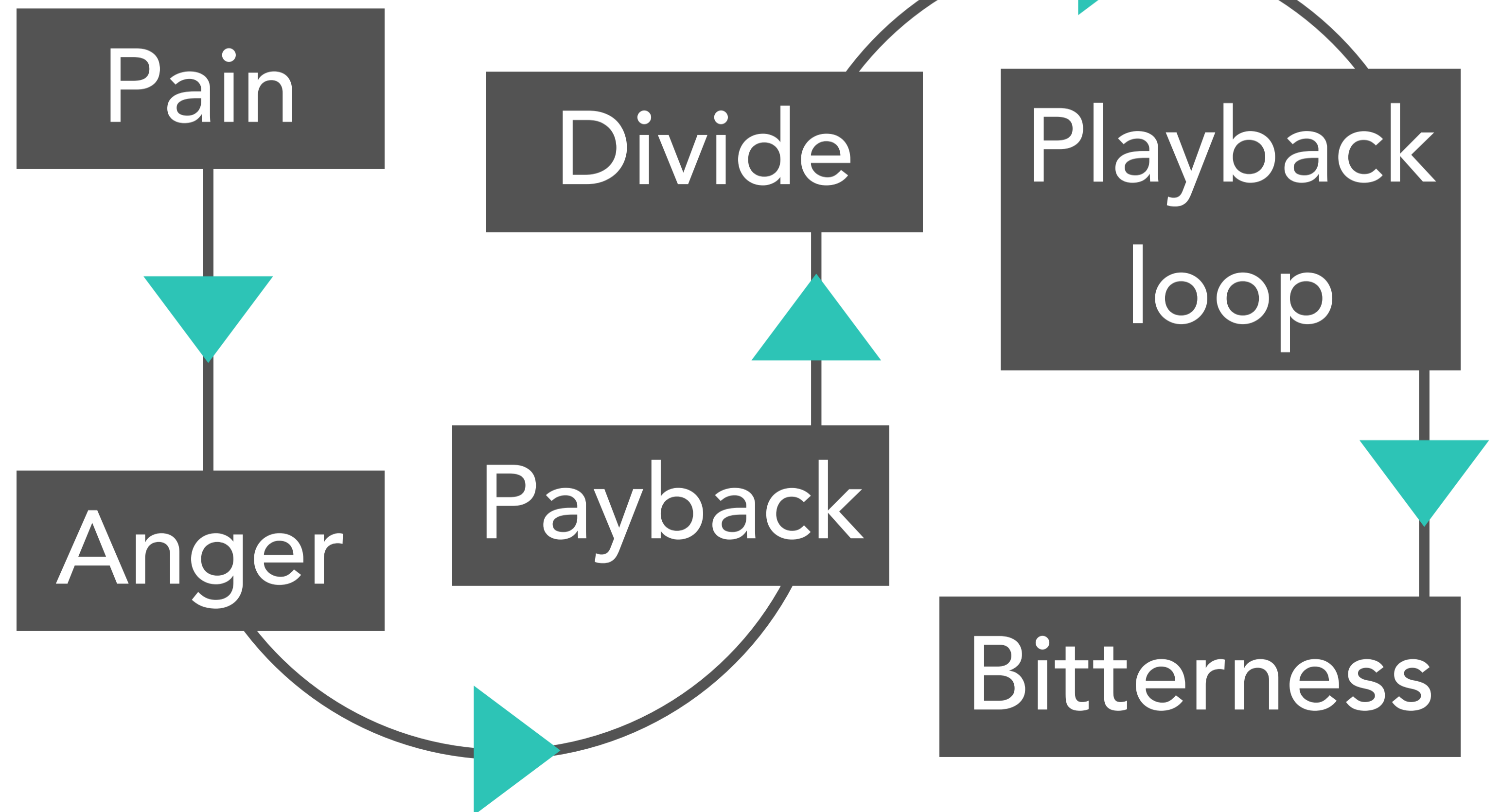
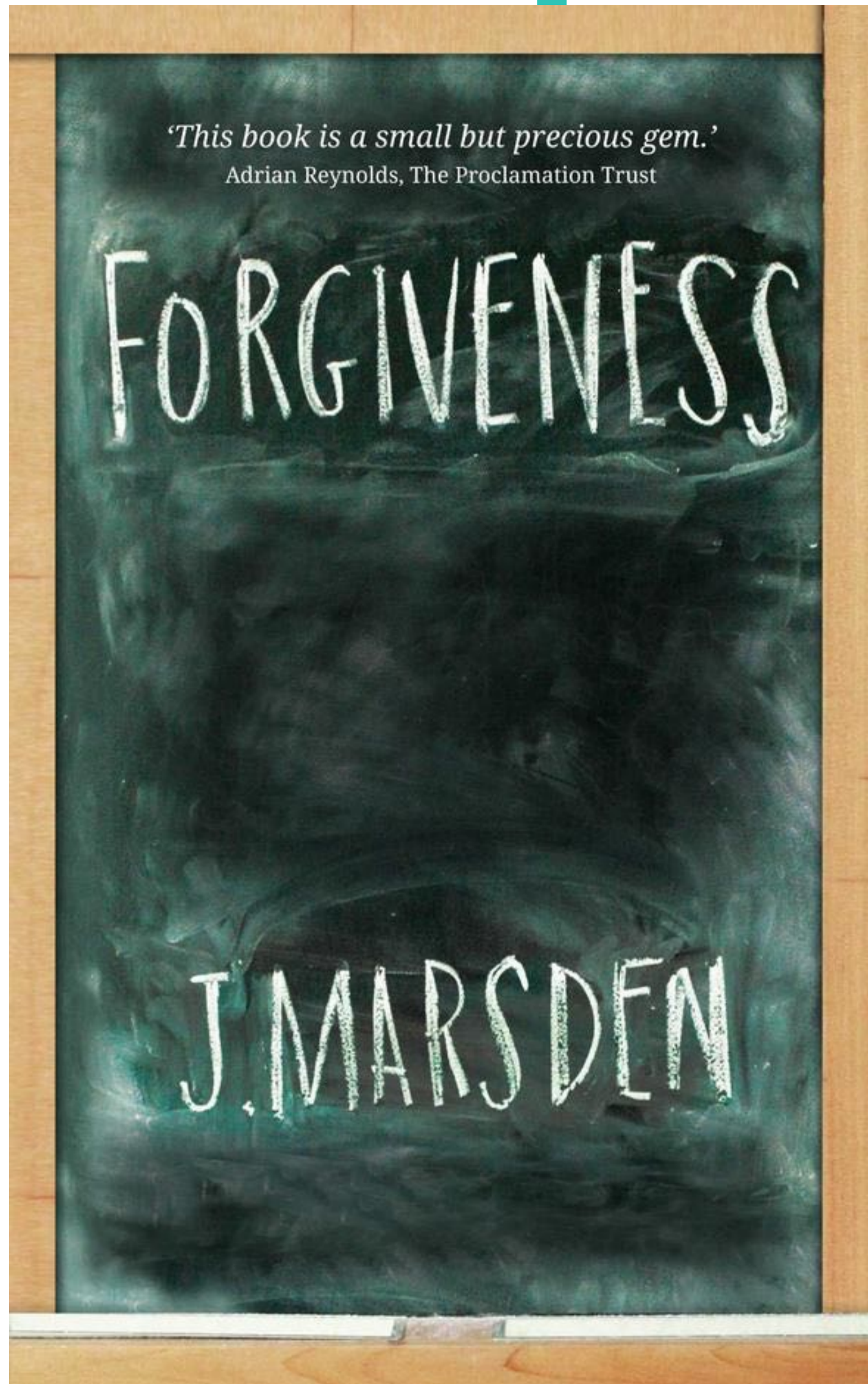
But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.

Matthew 6:15

**JESUS TAKES
FORGIVENESS
VERY
SERIOUSLY**



WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE ARE WRONGED?



HOW TO
TREAT A
FELLOW
BELIEVER
WHO SINS
AGAINST
YOU



CONTEXT

15 'If your brother or sister 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.

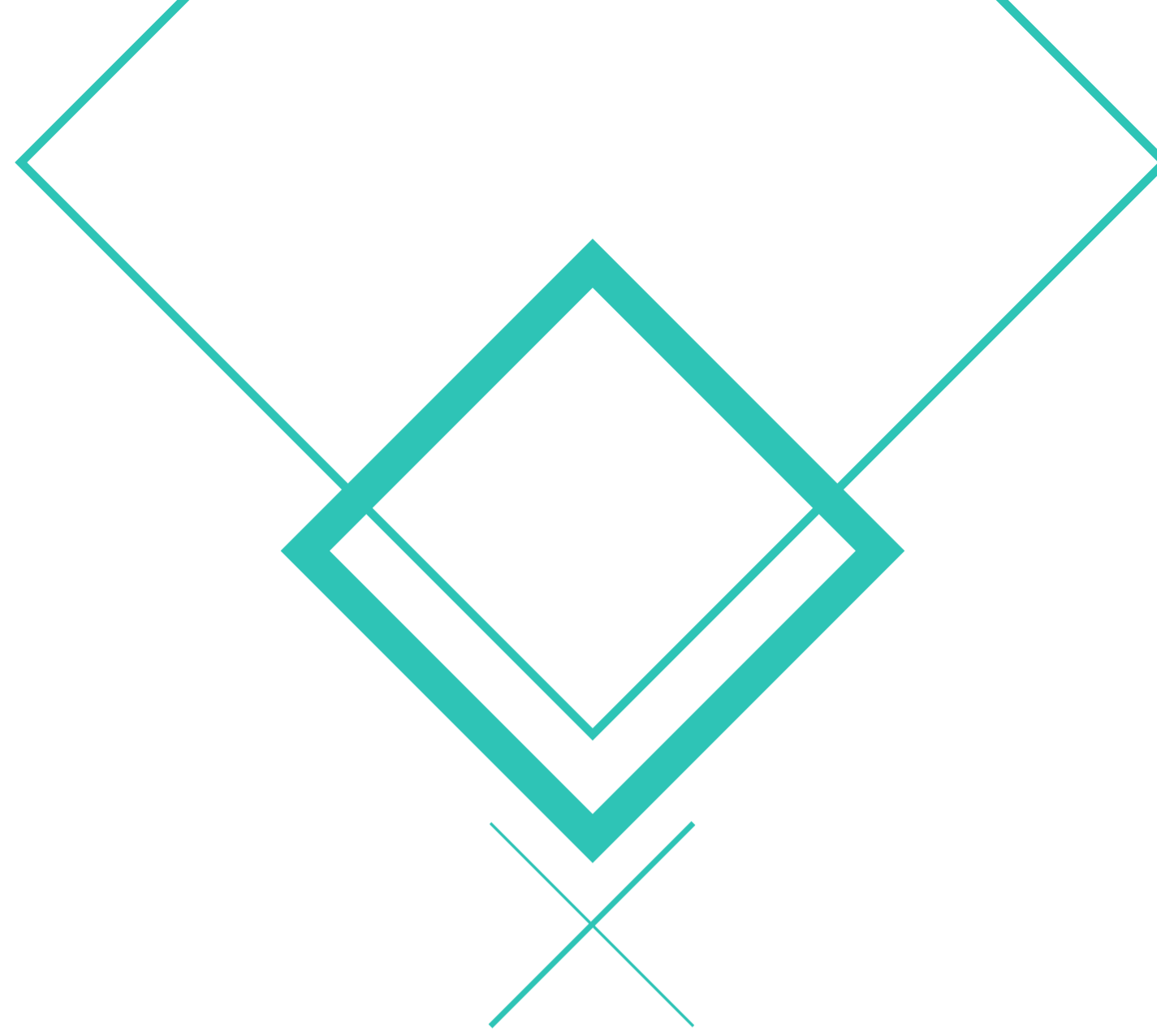
MATT. 18:15—17

MATTHEW

18:21

Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, 'Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?'





NOTICE THE
NUMBERS



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Jesus answered, 'I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times. **Mt. 18:22**



Lamech said to his wives,
"Adah and Zillah, listen to me;
wives of Lamech, hear my words.
I have killed a man for wounding me,
a young man for injuring me.
If Cain is avenged seven times,
then Lamech seventy-seven times."

Gen. 4:23—24

10,000



As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold [or talents] was brought to him.

Mt. 18:24



MATTHEW

18:25—27

Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt.

'At this the servant fell on his knees before him.

"Be patient with me," he begged, "and I will pay back everything." The servant's master took pity on him, cancelled the debt and let him go.



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**FORGIVENESS
IS ALL ABOUT
GRACE**

συνᾶραι
ὀφειλέτης
ἀποδοῦναι
ἀπέλυσεν

συνᾶραι = to compare
(settle) account, make a
reckoning

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ὀφειλέτης = a debtor, an ower; person
indebted

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ἀποδοῦναι = to pay, pay back, render what is due

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ἀπέλυσεν = to cancel, to free fully, relieve, release

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c a n c e l s t h e d e b t

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**“FORGIVENESS
MEANS CLOSING THE
BOOK-KEEPING
DEPARTMENT OF
YOUR HEART”**

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'But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins [denarii]. He grabbed him and began to choke him. "Pay back what you owe me!" he demanded.

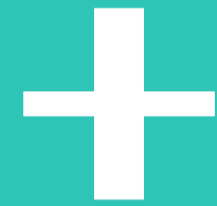
'His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, "Be patient with me, and I will pay it back."

'But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. **Mt. 18:28—30**



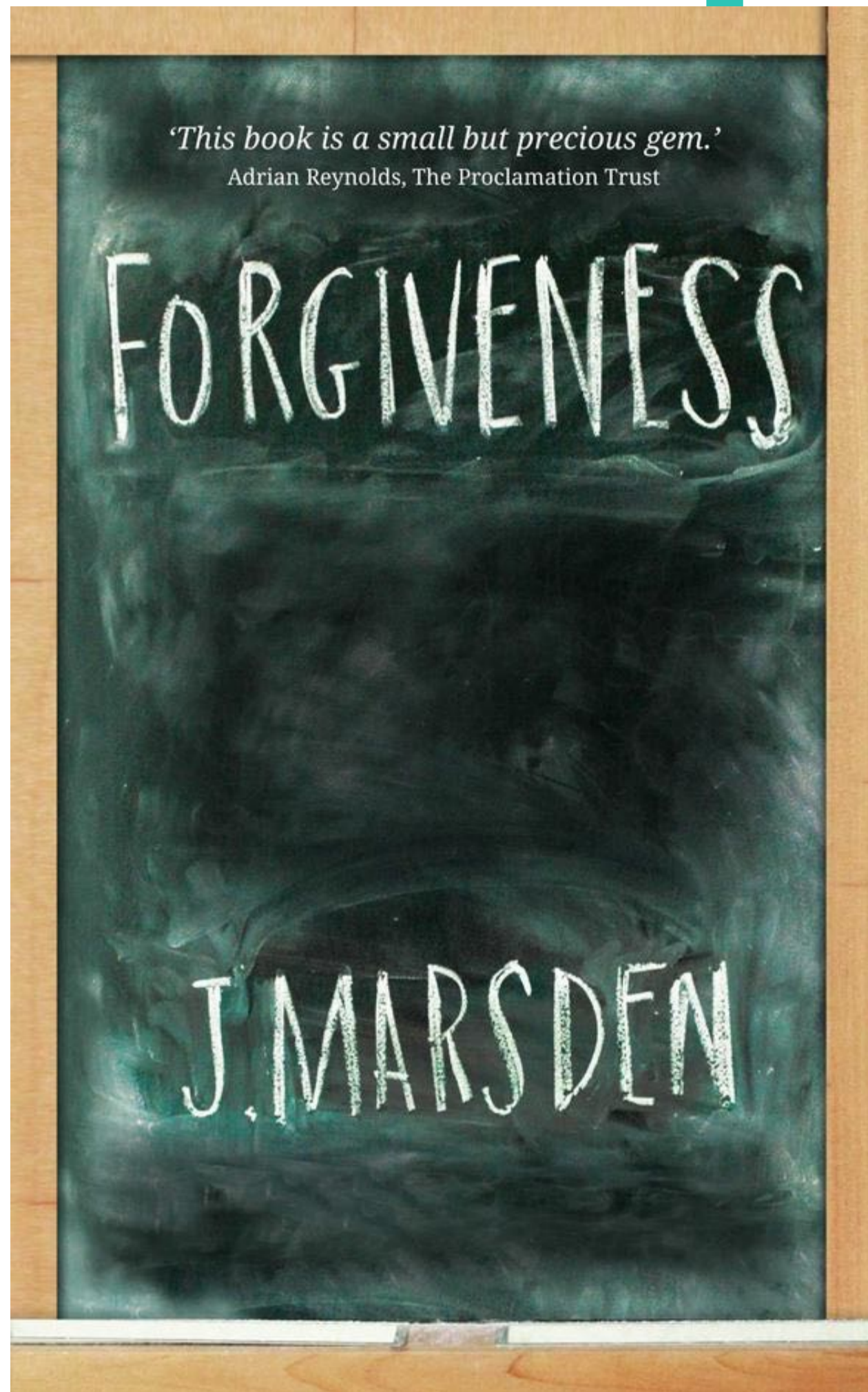
If we don't forgive

we demand payment



**IF WE DON'T
FORGIVE SOMEONE,
WE'LL CHOKe THEM**

HOW TO FORGIVE WHEN WE DON'T WANT TO OR FEEL WE CAN'T



CHANGE THE FILM

Don't playback the film of you being wronged.

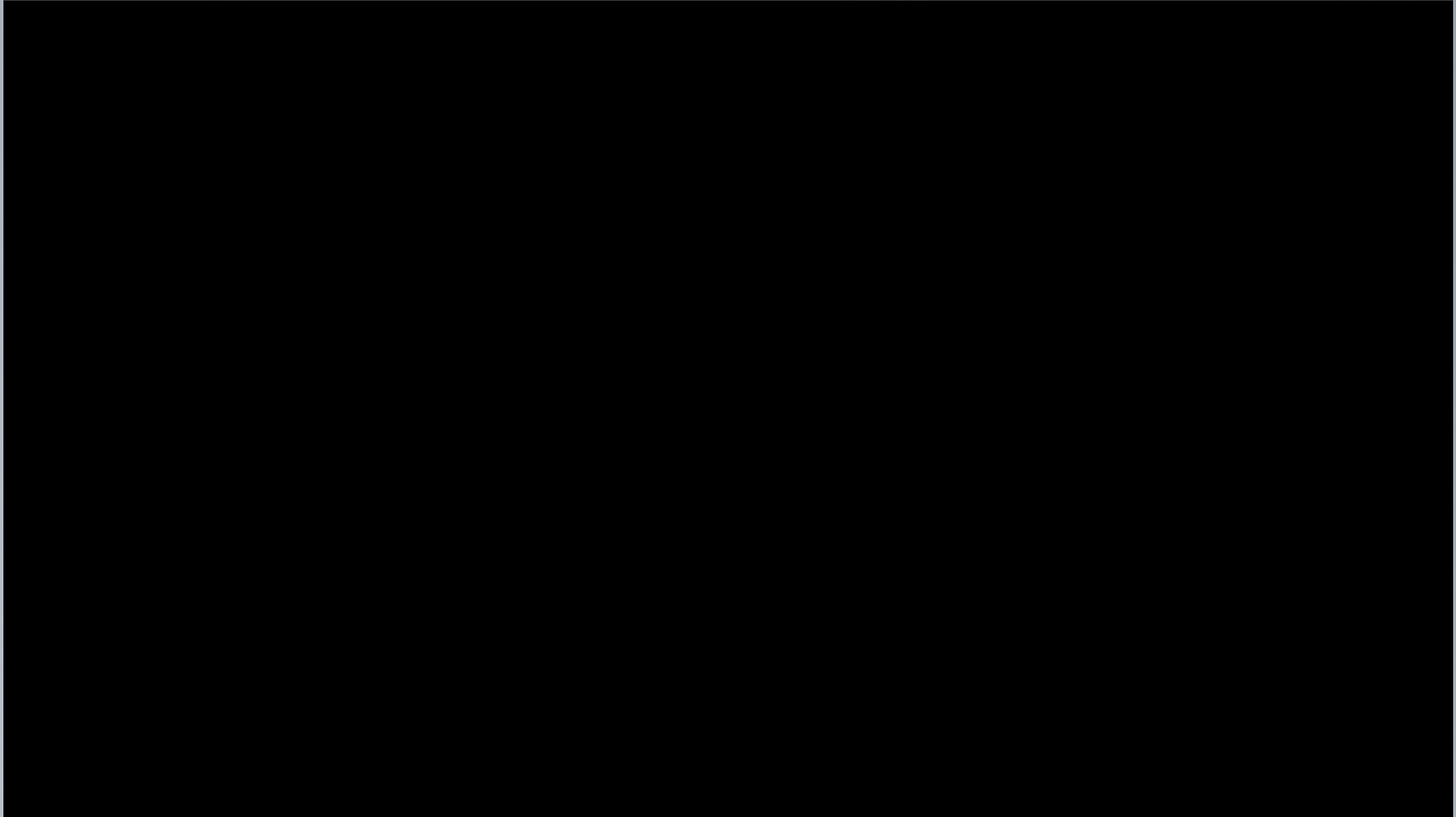
Playback the film of God cancelling your massive debt of sin & forgiving you.

GET A BIG SCREEN

However great the offence your brother caused you, it's minuscule in comparison with the offence you've caused God.

GET A MIRROR

See who you really are.
You're a sinner who doesn't deserve to be forgiven just like just like your perpetrator.



https://youtu.be/f2_OOaP763k



TYING UP SOME LOOSE ENDS



Forgiving others doesn't mean we become doormats



Forgiveness is a 2 way transaction



God isn't asking us to do something he's not done himself



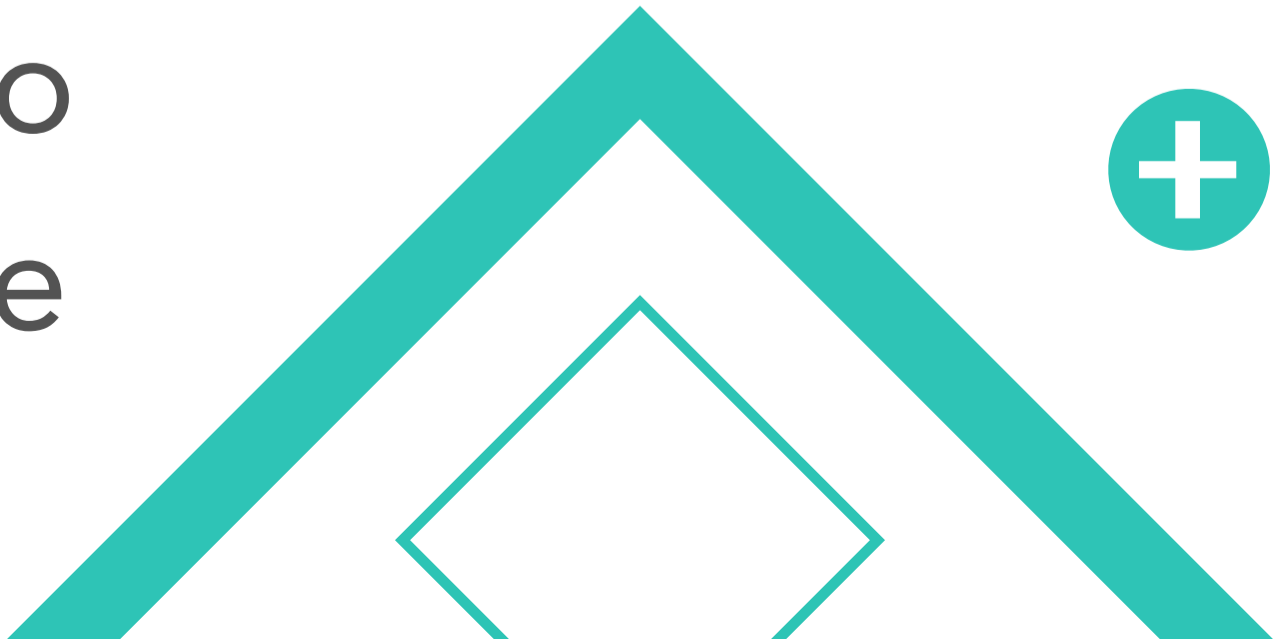
Forgiveness is painful



Forgiveness is a process



Forgiveness is about the heart's desire



MATTHEW

18:35

'This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

