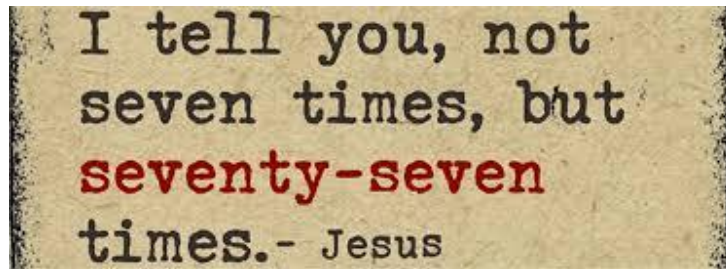


“So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives your brother from your heart.”

“I love you.” Are they really the three hardest words to say? That ultimately depends on whether those three words are uttered insincerely for some ulterior motive, or whether they are spoken sincerely in imitation of Jesus. If we truly understand what Jesus intends by those three words, they should not be difficult to say. But there are three other words that are difficult to say, whatever our motivation: “I forgive you.” And the impact of those three words depends on whether the person to whom they are speaking has said or implied three other words: “I am sorry.” We are again confronted with the truth that we are stewards of the ability God has given us to forgive the hurts and injustices others do to us and the reality that being stewards of such forgiveness is not easy. To be good stewards of such forgiveness we must constantly try to discern the mind of God and imitate the way with Jesus: “Father forgive them for they know not what they do.”



I tell you, not
seven times, but
seventy-seven
times.- Jesus

Readings for the week: (September 14 – September 19)

Monday

Numbers 21:4b-9

Ps. 78:1bc-2,34-35,36-37,38

Philippians 2:6-11

John 3:13-17

Tuesday

1 Corinthians 12:12-14,27-31a

Ps. 100:1b-2,3,4,5

John 19:25-27

Wednesday

1Corinthians 12:31-13:13

Ps 33:2-3,4-5,12,22

Luke 7:31-35

Thursday

1Corinthians 15:1-11

Ps 118:1b-2,16ab-17,28

Luke 7:36-50

Friday

1Corinthians 15:12-20

Ps 17:1bcd,6-7,8b,15

Luke 8:1-3

Saturday

1Corinthians 15:35-37,42-49

Ps 56:10c-12,13-14

Luke 8:4-15