

Palmetto Baptist Church – December 29, 2013

Forgiving from the Heart – Matthew 18:21-35

Inside the Text:

- I. Forgiveness involves submission. (21-22)**
 - A. People will sin against you. (21)

 - B. You must remain open to reconciliation. (22)

- II. Forgiveness requires reflection. (23-27)**
 - A. You owed a debt you could not pay. (23-26)

 - B. You received a gift you did not deserve. (27)

- III. Forgiveness demands transformation. (28-35)**
 - A. You must change the way you view others. (28-33)

 - B. You must change the way you view God. (34-35)

Apply the Text:

- **Follow God's plan for confrontation. (Matt. 18:15-19)**
 - 1 to 1; 2-3 to 1; church to 1

- **Embrace God's plan for reconciliation.**
 - Forgive without restrictions.
 - Forgive as you have been forgiven.
 - Forgive out of a transformed heart.