Then Peter came and said to Jesus, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how of- ten should I for-give? As man-y as sev-en times?” 22 Jesus said to him, “Not sev-en times, but, I tell you, sev-en-ty-sev-en times. 23 “For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. 24 When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; 25 and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, to-gether with his wife and children and all his possessions, and pay-ment to be made. 26 So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you ev-ry-thing.’ 27 And out of pit-y for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. 28 But that same slave, as
he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by
the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ 29 Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him,

‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ 30 But he refused; then he went and threw him into pri-
son until he would pay the debt. 31 When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly
distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. 32 Then his lord summoned
him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. 33

Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ 34 And in anger his
lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. 35 So my heavenly Father will
also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”