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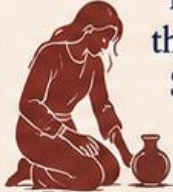
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11  The Woman Caught in Adultery (John 8)	12  The Institution of the Cup at the Last Supper (Matthew 26)	13  The Crucifixion Judgements (Father, forgive them & the Repentant Thief) (Luke 23)	14  The Post-Resurrection Commission (Luke 24, John 20)	



"Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you."

— Ephesians 4:32 —



Forgiveness is at the heart of God's Kingdom.
We receive it from Christ, and we extend it to others.



RECEIVED
Freely forgiven
by God's grace



REFLECTED
Forgiving others
as Christ forgave us



RECONCILED
Restored relationships
bring glory to God





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18. The Vineyard Owner	21:33-44
19. The Marriage Feast	22:1-14
20. Fig Tree	24:32-35
21. Faithful and Wise Servant	24:45-51
22. Ten Virgins	25:1-13
23. The Talent	25:14-30
24. The Sheep and the Goats	25:31-46



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20. The Prodigal Son	15:11-32
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22. The Rich Man and Lazarus	16:19-31
23. Master and His Servant	17:7-10
24. Persistent Widow	18:1-8
25. The Vineyard Owner	20:9-18
26. Fig Tree	21:29-33
27. Faithful and Wise Servant	12:42-48
28. The Pharisee and the Tax Collector	18:9-14
29. The Talent	19:11-27



JOHN

THERE ARE
NO PARABLES
IN THE GOSPEL OF JOHN.

RATHER, SEVEN
"I AM" SAYINGS
AND OTHER METAPHORS.

- I AM the Bread of Life 6:35, 41, 48, 51
- I AM the Light of the World 8:12
- I AM the Gate 10:7, 9
- I AM the Good Shepherd 10:11, 14
- I AM the Resurrection and the Life 11:25
- I AM the Way, the Truth, and the Life 14:6
- I AM the True Vine 15:1, 5

OTHER METAPHORS INCLUDE:



Living Water
4:10-14



Bread of Life
6:22-59



Good Shepherd
10:1-18



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15:1-17



JESUS SPOKE IN PARABLES SO THAT PEOPLE MIGHT SEE AND NOT PERCEIVE, AND HEAR AND NOT UNDERSTAND. MATTHEW 13:13

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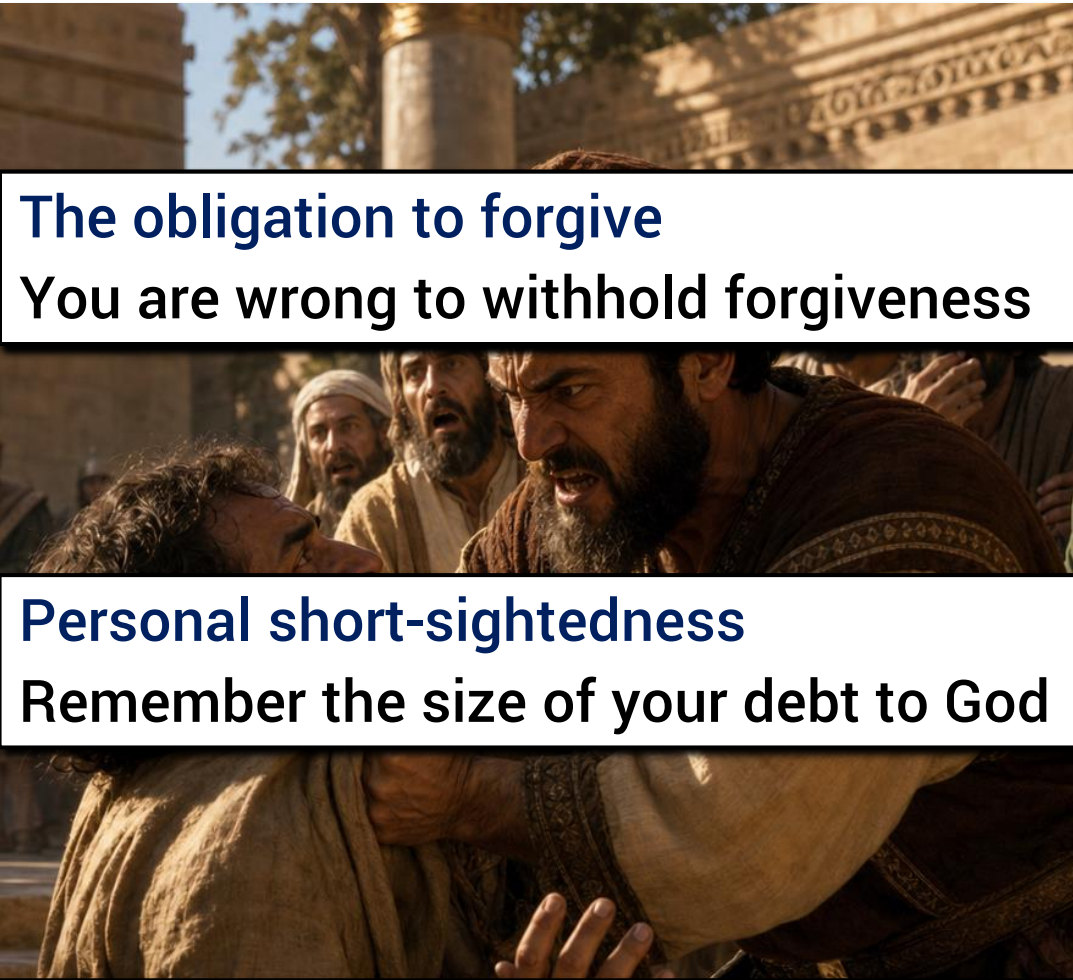
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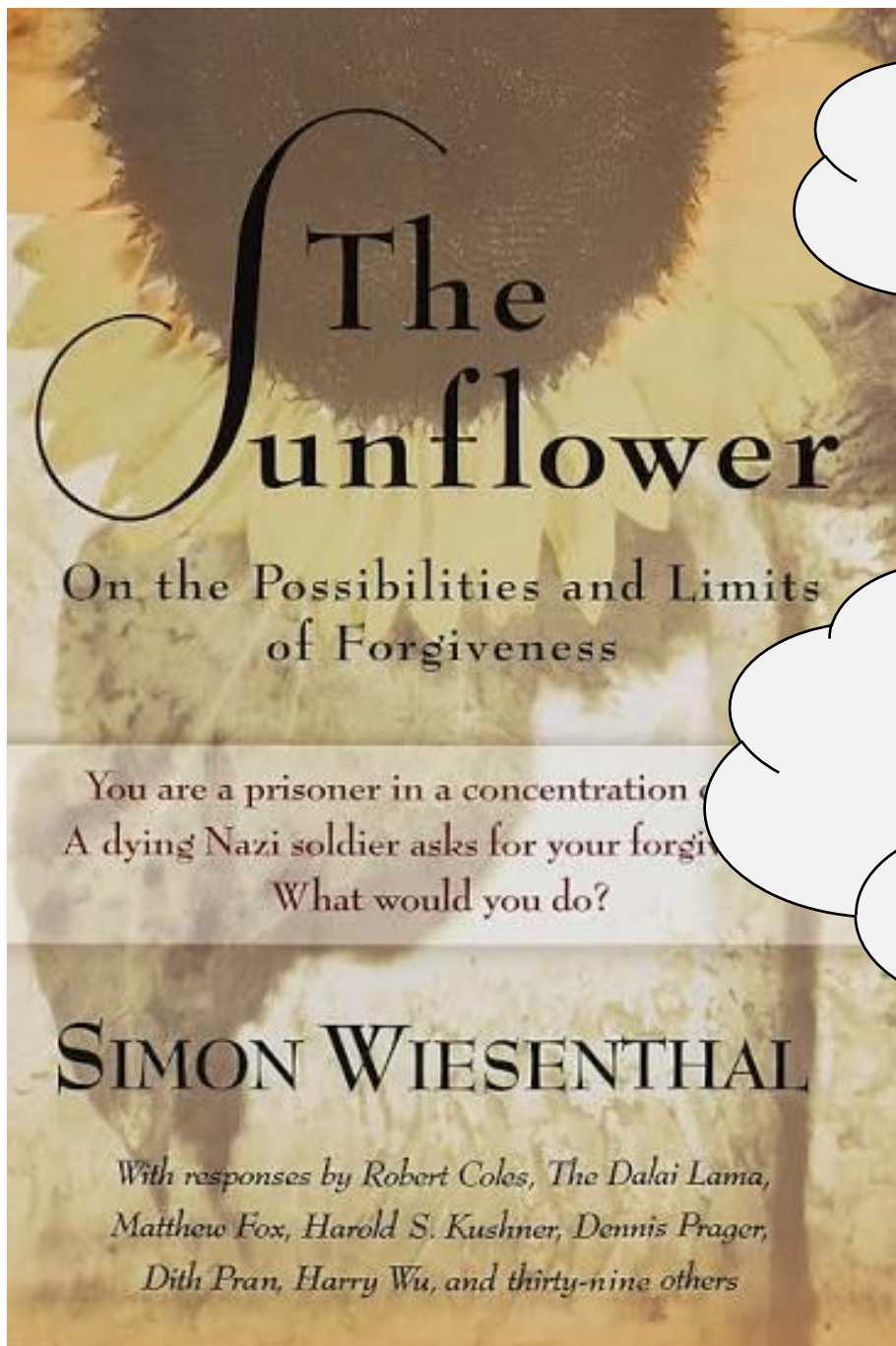
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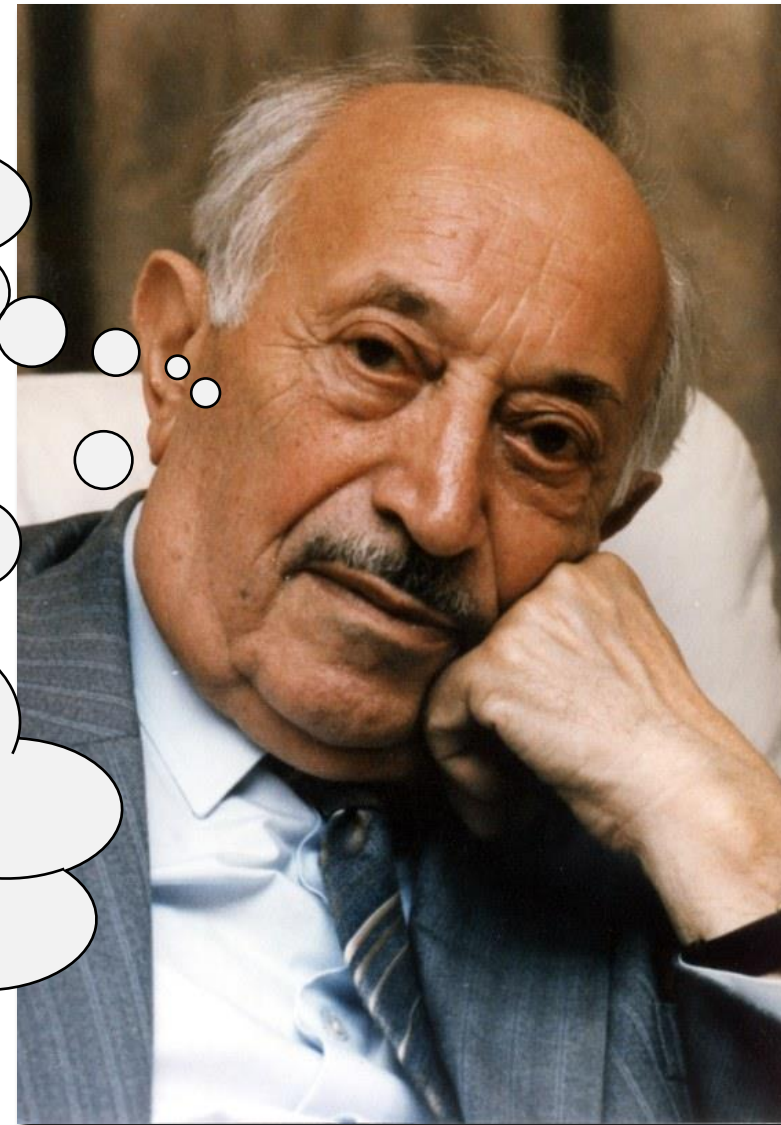
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