



Welcome!

THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE THIS MORNING!

WE'LL BEGIN TODAY WITH A READING FROM
Matthew 18:21-35



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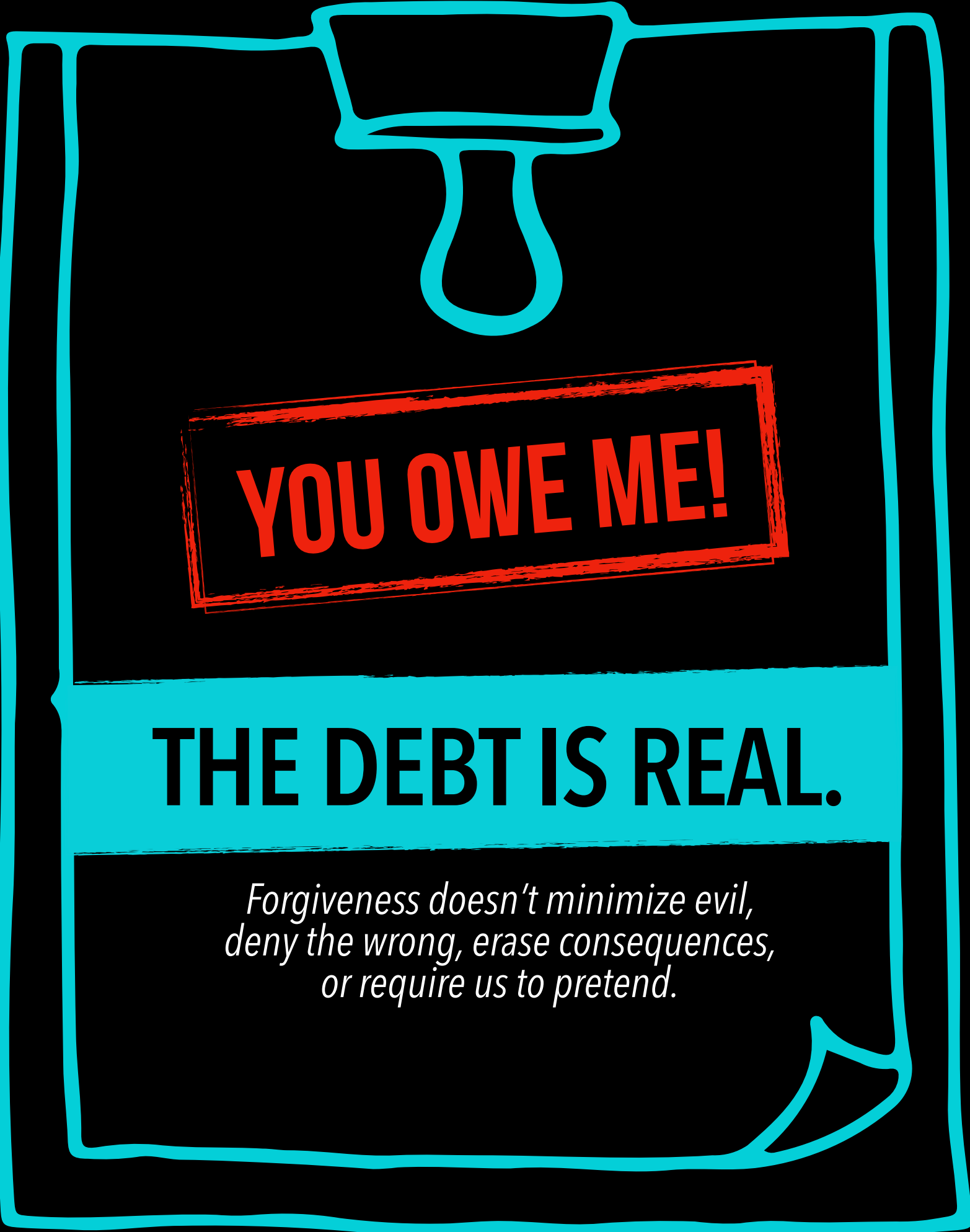
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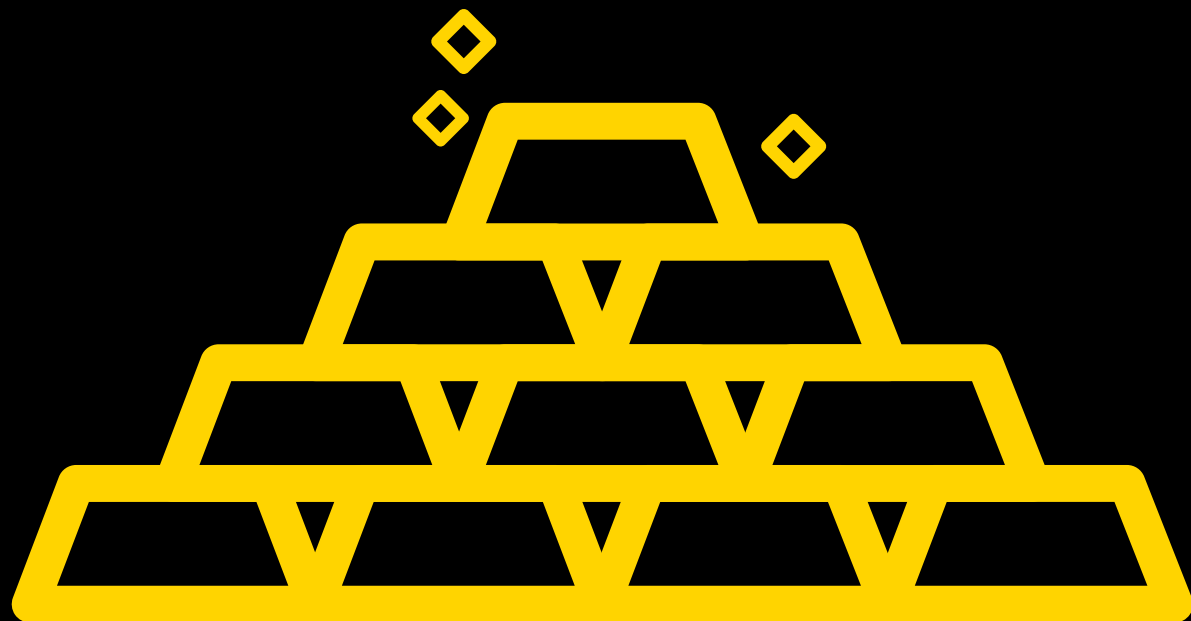
- * an apology
- * the years I lost
- * the trust you broke
- * a chance to feel safe
- * an understanding
of what you did!



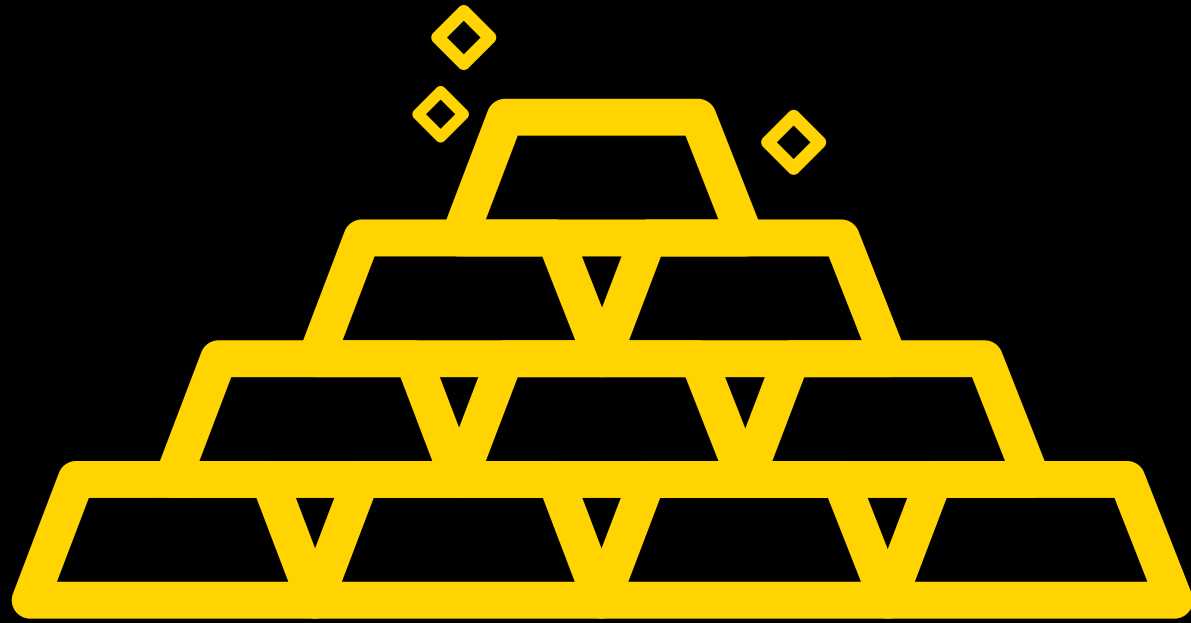
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THE DEBT IS REAL.

*Forgiveness doesn't minimize evil,
deny the wrong, erase consequences,
or require us to pretend.*



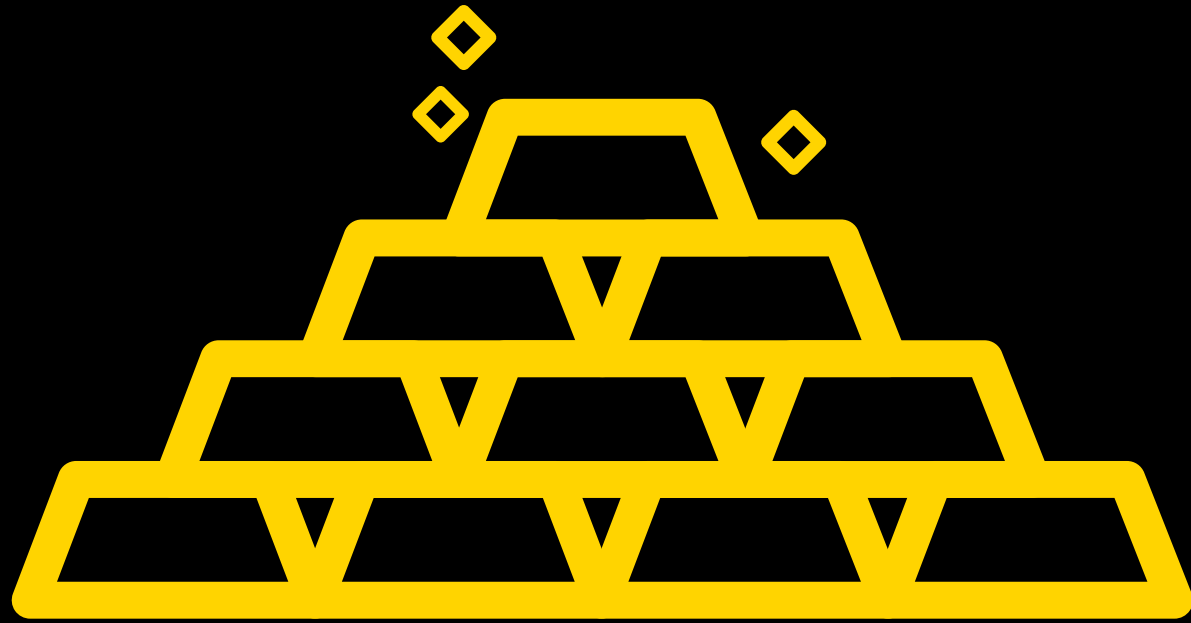
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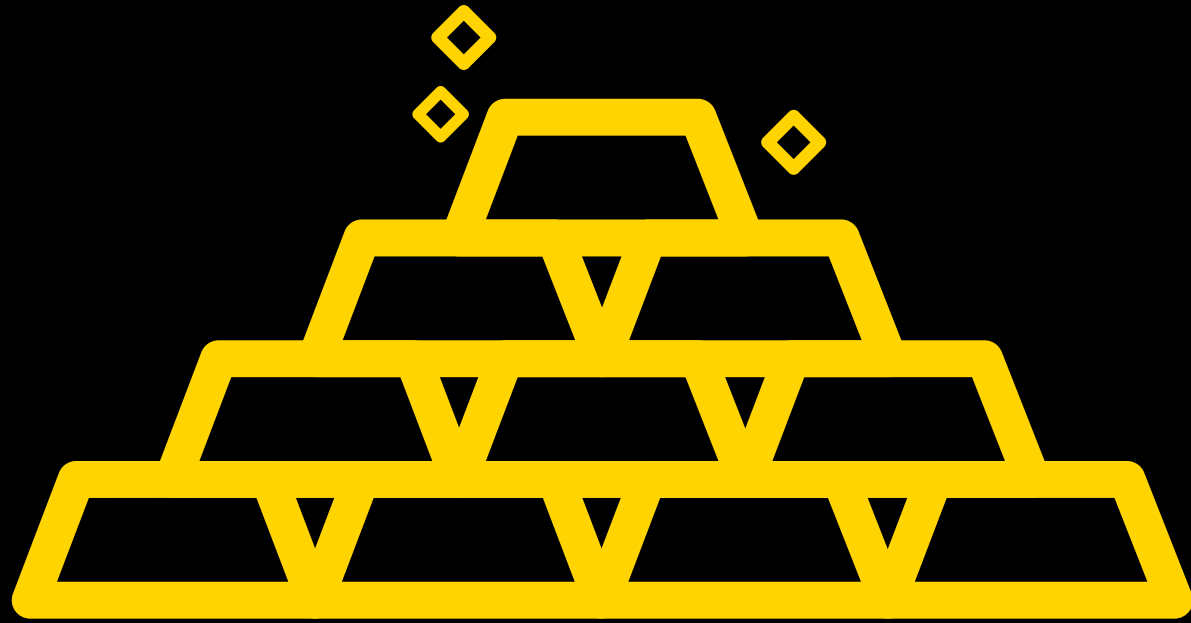


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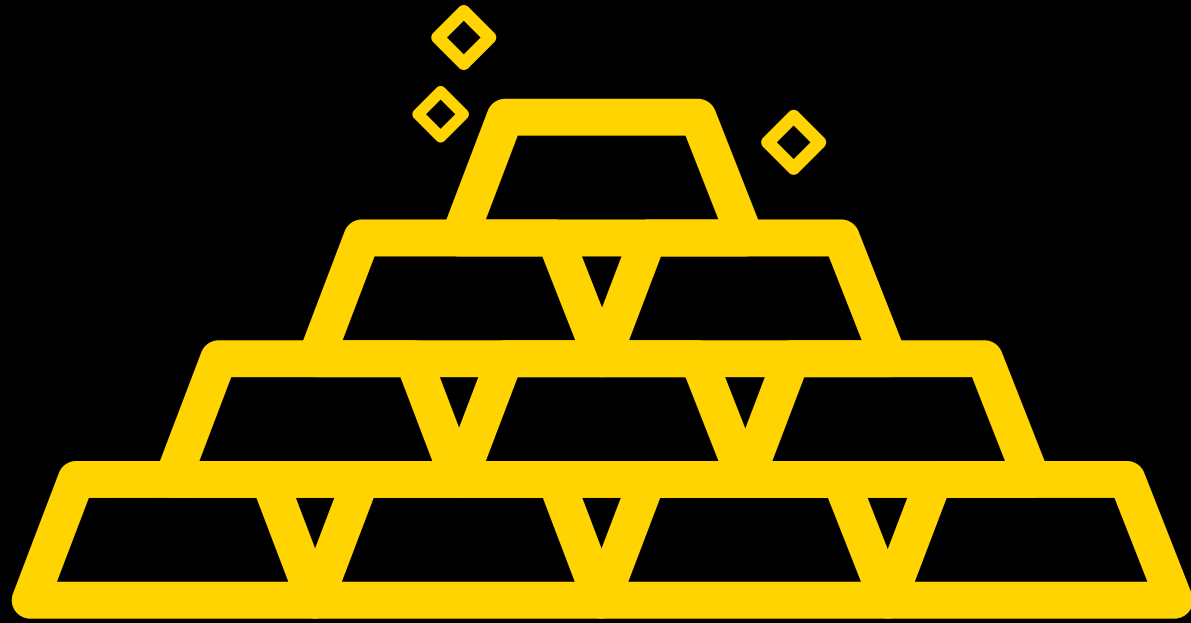


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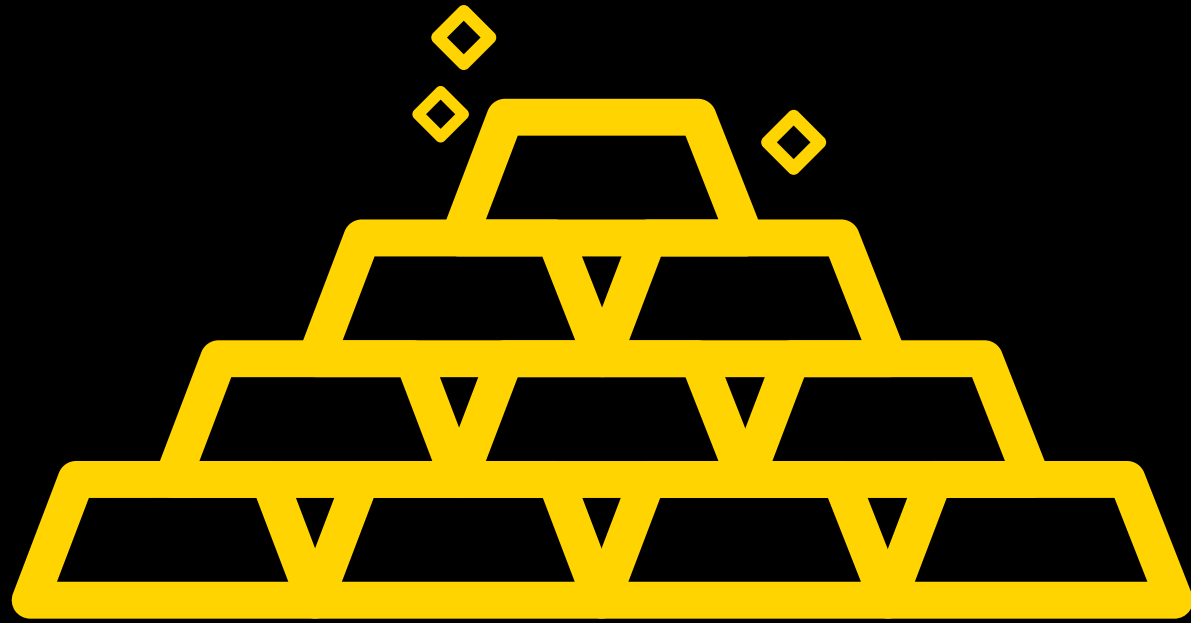
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When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly.

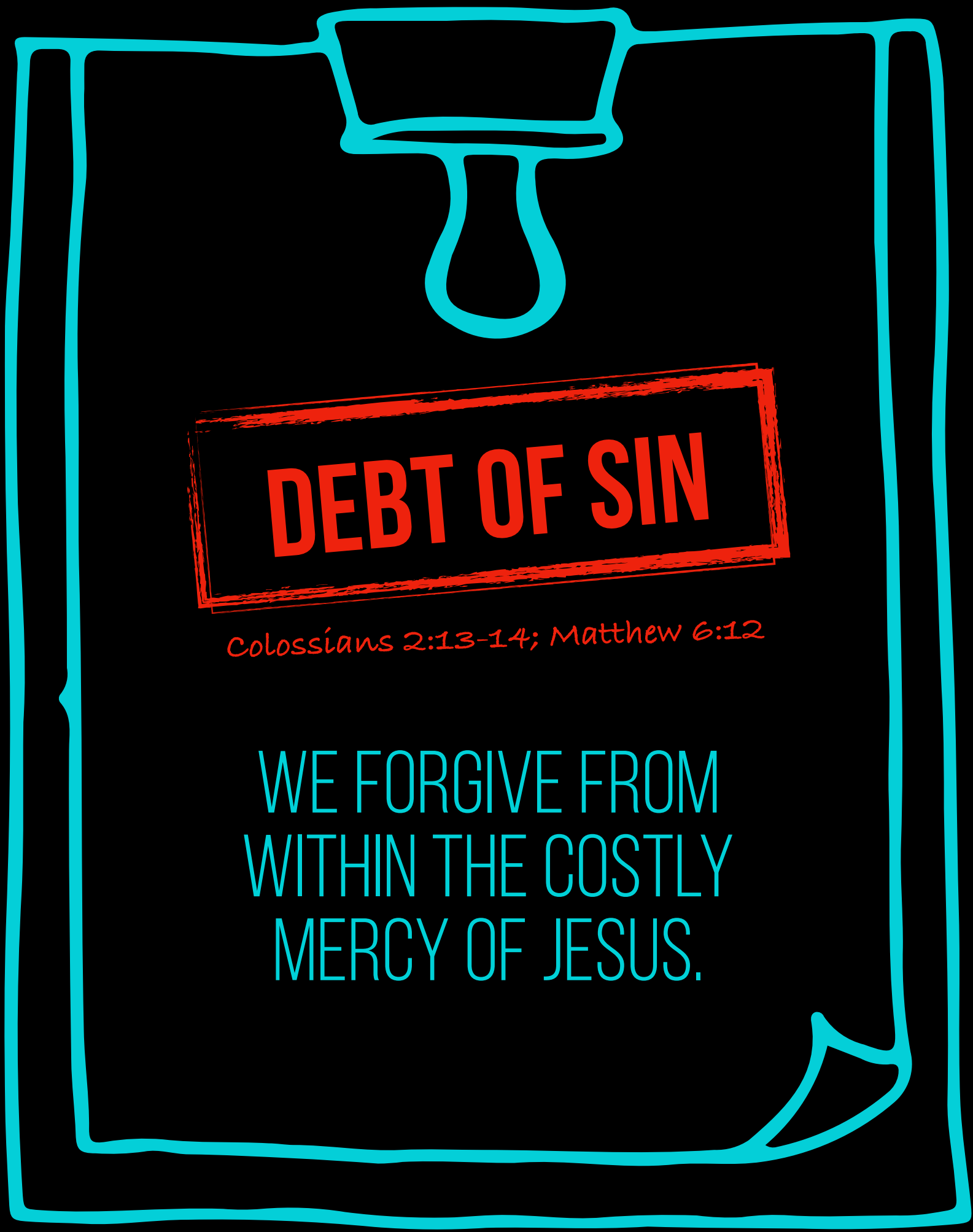
1 Peter 2:23

– ESV –

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

1 Peter 2:24

– ESV –



DEBT OF SIN

Colossians 2:13-14; Matthew 6:12

WE FORGIVE FROM
WITHIN THE COSTLY
MERCY OF JESUS.

LOOK CAREFULLY AT

ROMANS 12:14-21

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Do Not
Avenge

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Repay

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Bless

Overcome
Evil with Good

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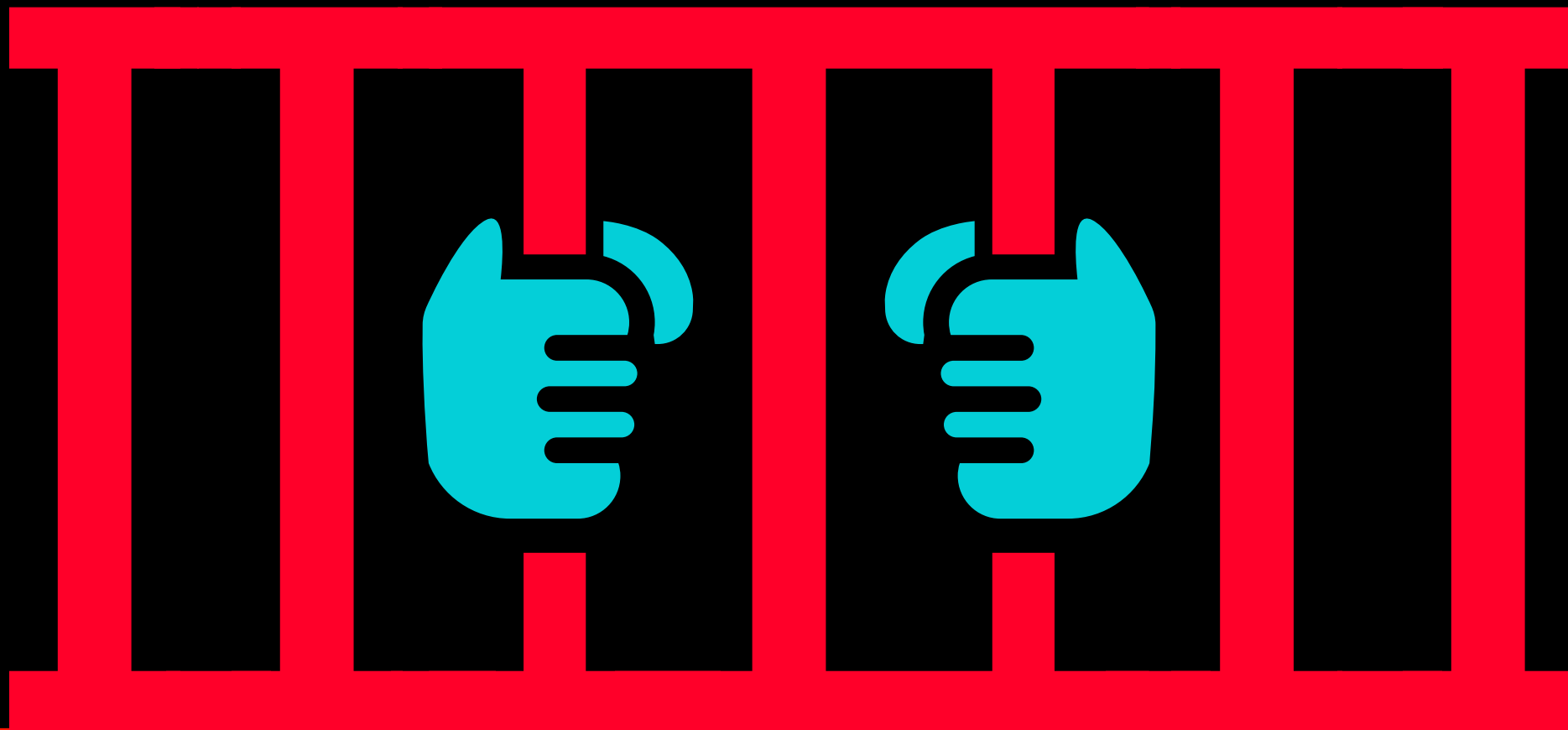
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Don't test forgiveness by whether or not you still hurt.
Practice forgiveness by what you faithfully do with the hurt.



Their wrongdoing can take hold of us.
Pursue **freedom & peace** by releasing their debt to God.
Pray & seek **mercy & love** in your heart in Christ's name.



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PERSONAL MY RESPONSE

Tells the truth without vengeance

Entrusts judgment to God

Makes room for healing,
boundaries & consequences

Depends on me.

RELATIONAL OUR RECONCILIATION

Joins truth, repentance & mercy

Restores the relationship

Rebuilds trust through time,
repair & change

Depends on both of us.



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"Jesus, help me! I can lift a hand. I can do that much."



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REMEMBERING $\neq$ REHEARSING

GRIEVING $\neq$ VENGEANCE

PROCESSING $\neq$ PROSECUTING

PAIN $\neq$ BITTERNESS

WHAT CAN I PRAY?

Father, what happened was wrong. You know what it has cost. I surrender my vengeance to you. Give me wisdom and protect those who need protection. Bring them to repentance and lead me to seek their true good. Do not let their evil take root in me. **I entrust this case to you.**



1 John 1:9

Another person's refusal
can't veto God's mercy.

THE OTHER SIDE

**"I REPENTED BUT
THEY STILL WON'T
FORGIVE ME."**

Is there a step you
need to take today?

Entrust a debt to God. Confess a wrong.

Receive assurance of God's mercy.

Know true freedom in Christ.

