

### Story 1: Lamech

Genesis 4:23-24: "Lamech said to his wives, 'Adah and Sillah, listen to me; wives of Lamech, hear my words. I have killed a man for wounding me, a young man for injuring me. If Cain is avenged seven times, then Lamech seventy-seven times.'"

### Story 2: Jesus

Matthew 18:21-22: "Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, 'Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother when he sins against me? Up to seven times?' Jesus answered, 'I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.'"

→ \_\_\_\_\_ **frees us from being held**  
**hostage by** \_\_\_\_\_.

### Forgiveness means:

1. I \_\_\_\_\_ **God's forgiveness of me.**

2. I \_\_\_\_\_ **from fighting the hurt.**

2 Corinthians 12:9: "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."

3. I \_\_\_\_\_ **my right to retaliate.**

Romans 12:19: "Do not take revenge, my friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: 'It is mine to avenge; I will repay,' says the Lord."

4. I \_\_\_\_\_ **the person who offended.**