FORGIVENIESS Tough Talk About Forgiveness

Matthew 6:12

Matthew 6:14-15

Forgiveness is a legal word

- · Canceling debt (Matthew 6:12)
- Jesus-"You cancel the debt of others, and God will cancel yours."

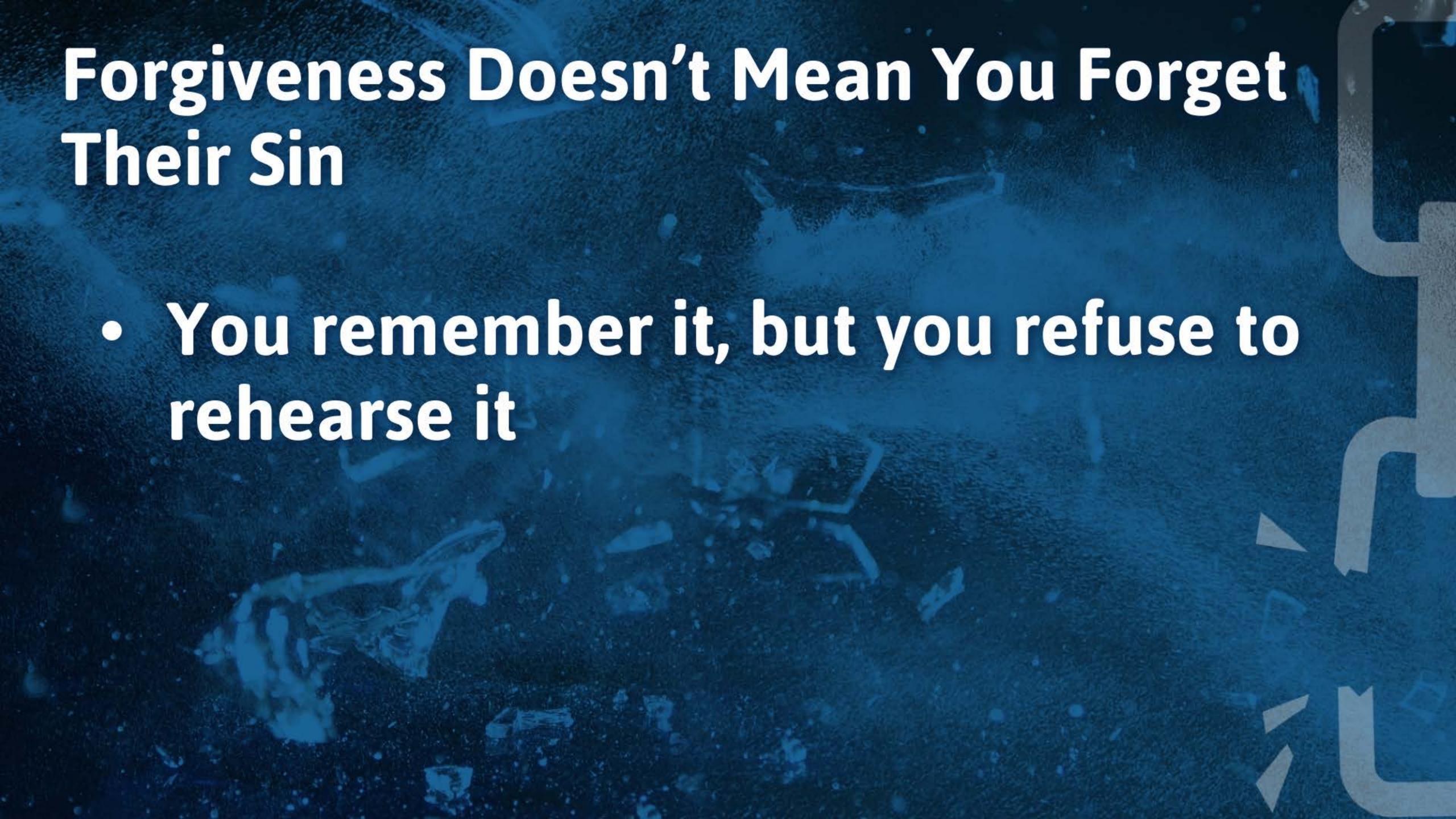
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Forgiveness opens the cage and sets them free. More importantly, it sets you free.

FORGIVENIESS What is Forgiveness?



· Joseph (Gen. 41:51) "God has made me forget all my trouble..." · It's a hard choice, but what better choice do you have? Harboring hatred towards other only creates bitterness.





- Jesus is not promoting that we become chumps (Romans 6:1)
- Government holds law-breakers accountable (Romans 13)
- The local church holds sinners accountable (1 Cor. 5)
- Personally, we turn it over to God, and refuse to rehearse it.

Reasons We Fail to Forgive

- · The hurt is too big
- · Time will heal
- I'll forgive when she says she's sorry (Heb. 6:9)
- · I'll forgive, but I won't forgive
- If I forgive him, someone has to make him pay (2 Thes. 1:6; Rom. 12:19)

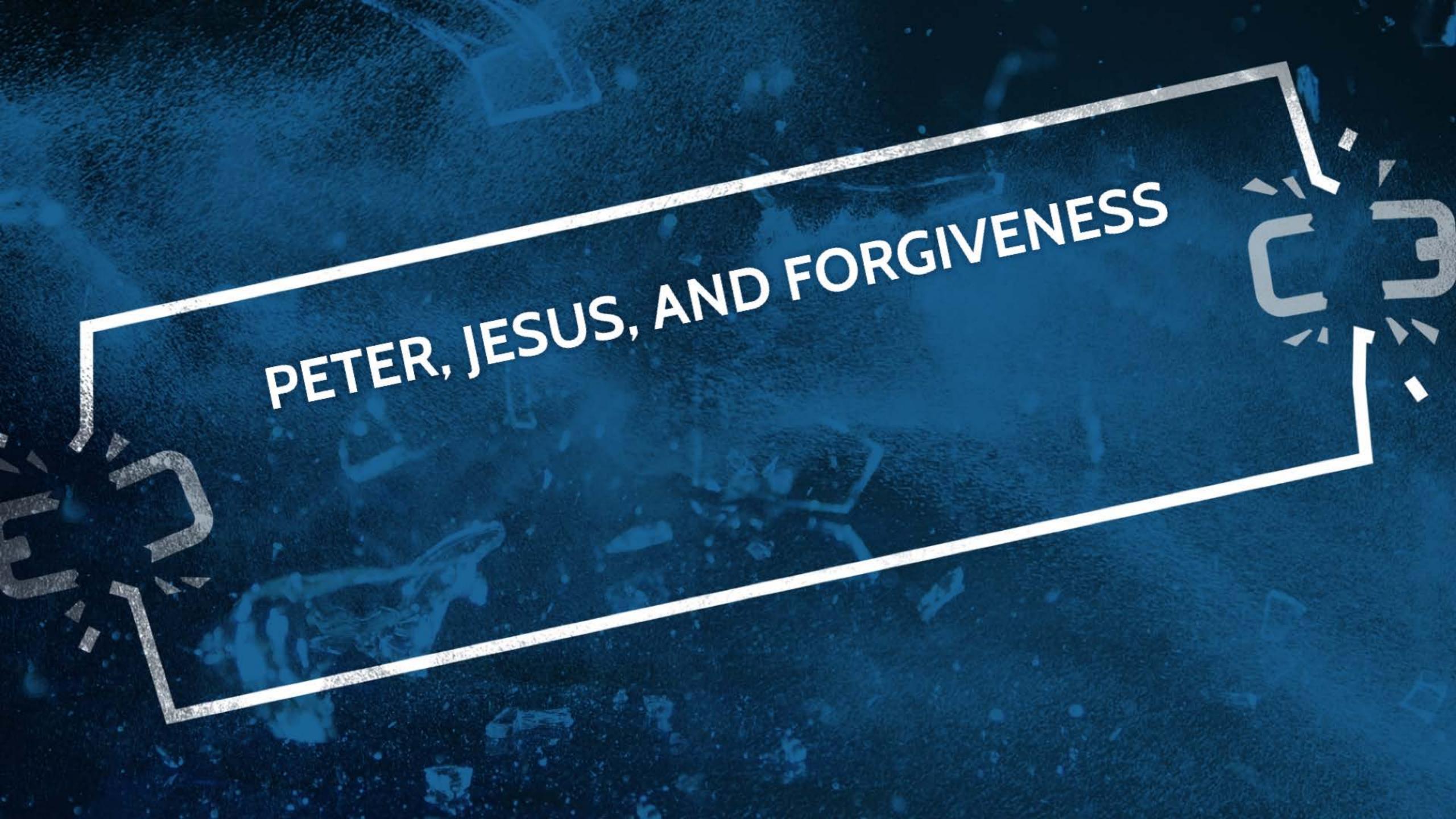
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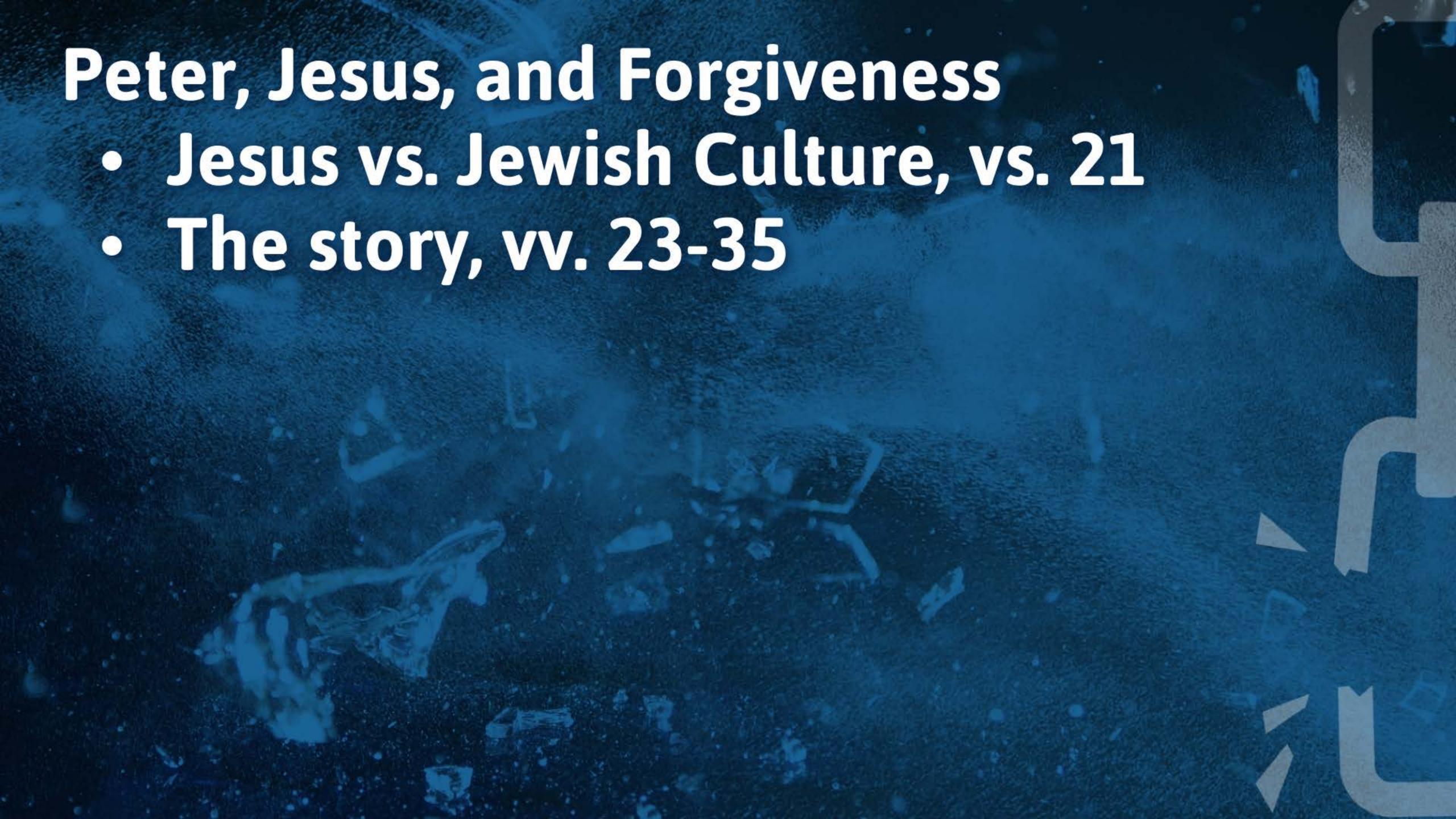
Romans 12:19

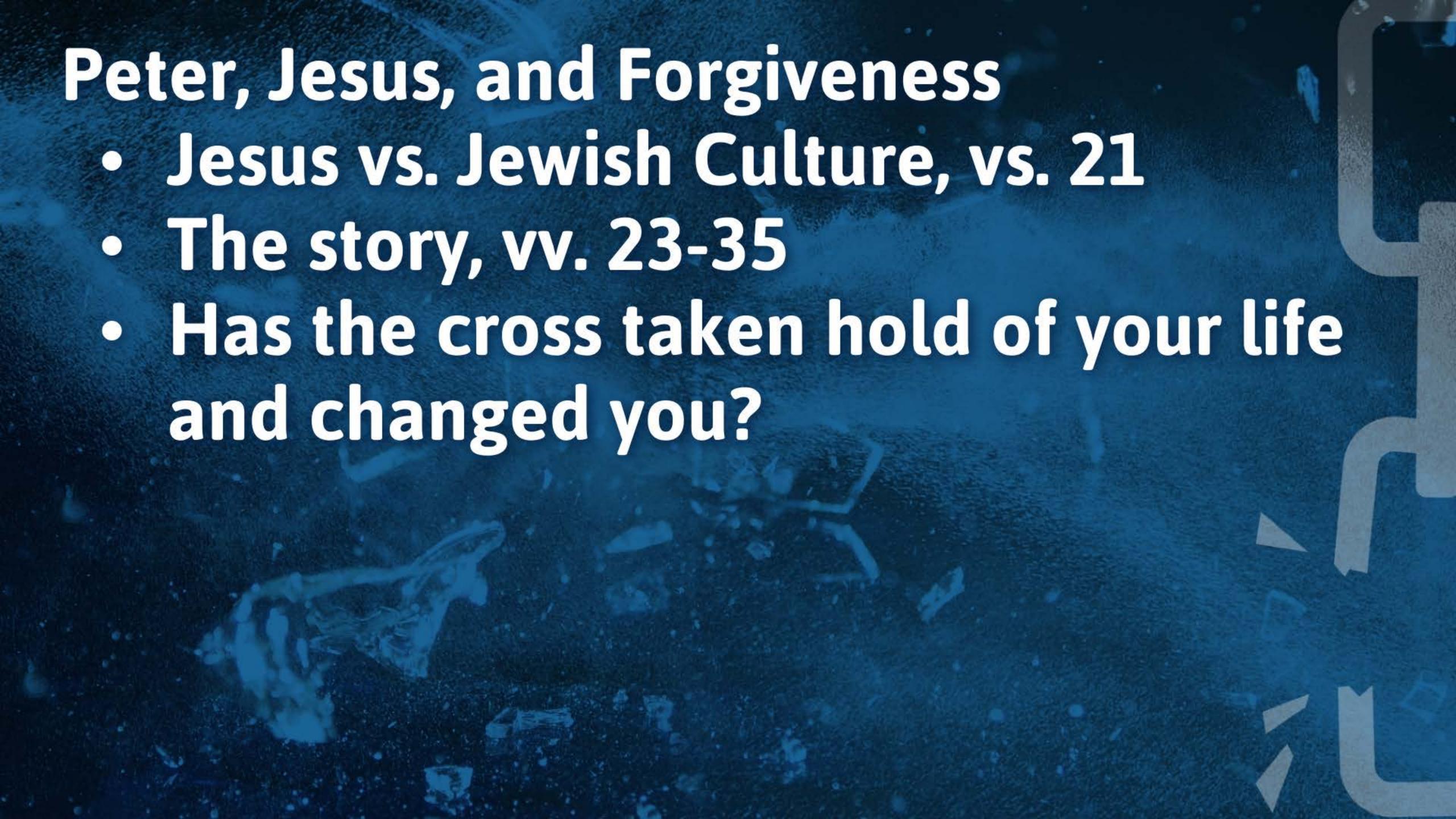




- With that attitude, you probably will never forgive any way
- Do you think Jesus is saying you are free to hold a grudge?
 - · Jesus (Luke 23:34)
 - Stephen (Acts 7:60)
- Because I release someone doesn't mean God does.







Failing to forgive is like scattering toxic garbage all over the house. What God see in your heart?

Forgive, let go, move one, turn it over to God. Be released from your own cage.