

**1. I have a pencil cup on my desk**

No matter how big, what color, how long or how short – none have any erasures left  
This means I make mistakes – a lot of them

It reminded me that we are the same.

People come in different sizes and shapes too – but we all have one thing in common  
We all make mistakes – a lot of them.

That is why God sent Jesus – To die, and erase our mistakes.

When we do something wrong we can ask God to forgive us,

Because of Jesus our sins are forgiven – **And God's erasure never wears out!**

Just as God forgives us over and over, Jesus taught that we should forgive others over and over.

Let me tell you something:

HEAVEN IS NOT FULL OF PERFECT PEOPLE – IT'S FULL OF FORGIVEN PEOPLE

**2. Today is the anniversary of 911**

We will see images of the twin towers, their collapse, falling bodies, the terror

We can all remember where we were, what we were doing

And 10 years later TO THE DAY, we hear about forgiveness – EVEN TERRORISTS? YUP

Peter asks JC – how many times should I forgive, 7 times? He thinks he's being generous!

JC responds, not 7 times – 77 times

I know someone who created a ledger and counted – so at 77 he could stop forgiving

Jesus is saying forgiveness should be limitless

We want ETERNAL FORGIVENESS and because of JC, that is what we have

Shouldn't we forgive earthly offenses against us (they're trivial in comparison)

Jesus starts this parable saying "The kingdom of heaven is like ---"

He ends the parable saying "So will my heavenly father due to you unless

you forgive your brother from your heart"

This is not only an exhortation – it is also a warning

*(Not just forgiveness from the lips – but from the heart)*

- 3. In today's Gospel the Servant asks for TIME**
- Payment would've been justice
  - Time would've been mercy
  - not Forgiveness** - Forgiveness was out of love

Our God is a God of Love – and we are the beloved.

**This Gospel is about changed hearts.**

The King's Heart was changed – and became merciful.

The Servant's Heart was unchanged – and demanded Justice.

To want to forgive is a grace (DO WE HAVE THE WANT TO?)

As we continue with this Mass let's pray for FORGIVING HEARTS,  
MERCIFUL HEARTS – Hearts that to beyond mercy, to LOVE.