




moving mercy

A five-week journey into the
experience of forgiveness

Mercy is not:

- Condoning what they did
- Ignoring justice / consequences
- *Pretending nothing happened*
- Reconciliation

You can't forgive an institution



Forgiveness is making the decision
to set someone free,
*and discovering the person
set free is me.*

Revenge

The principle of first mention

Genesis 1:1-2:3 – Poem of Creation

Genesis 2:4-25 – Another story of Creation

Genesis 3 – The fall (sin enters into the world)

Genesis 4:1-16 – Cain & Abel

Genesis 4: 23-24 – Lamech's boast

Lamech's song of boasting

²³ Then Lamech said to his wives,

“Adah and Zillah, listen to my voice;
O wives of Lamech, hear my words.

I have killed a man for wounding me,
Even a young man for injuring me.

²⁴ If Cain is avenged sevenfold,

Then Lamech *will be avenged seventy seven times.*

Genesis 4:23-24

Judges 15

Samson plays Rambo

or King Leonidas, Conan or Spartacus



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- The story starts off innocently enough





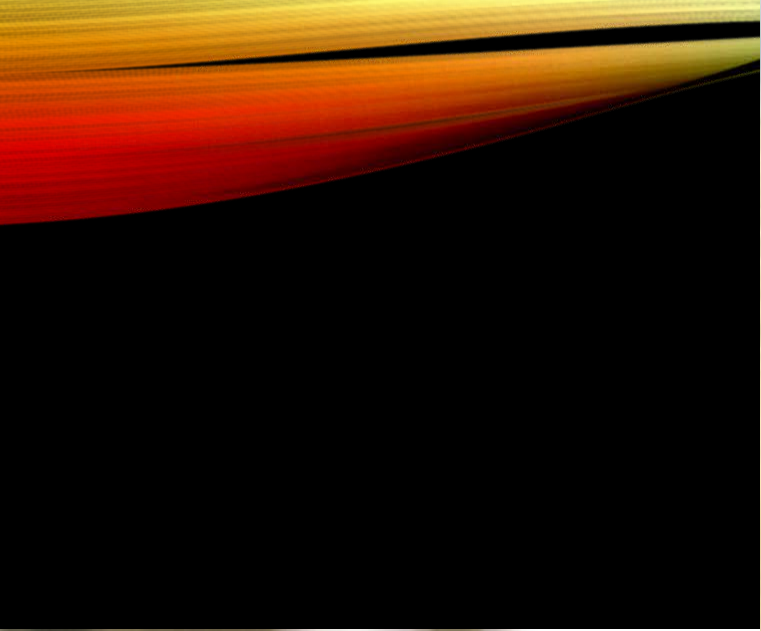
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Samson (to the Philistines):

“Since you have acted like this,
I won’t stop until I get my revenge on you.”

Judges 15:7





The deaths
begins to
mount up





¹⁶Then Samson said,
“With a donkey’s jawbone
I have made donkeys of them.
With a donkey’s jawbone
I have killed a thousand men.”

Judges 15:16 (TNIV)



drop the jawbone!

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