

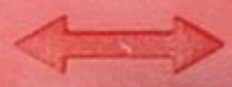
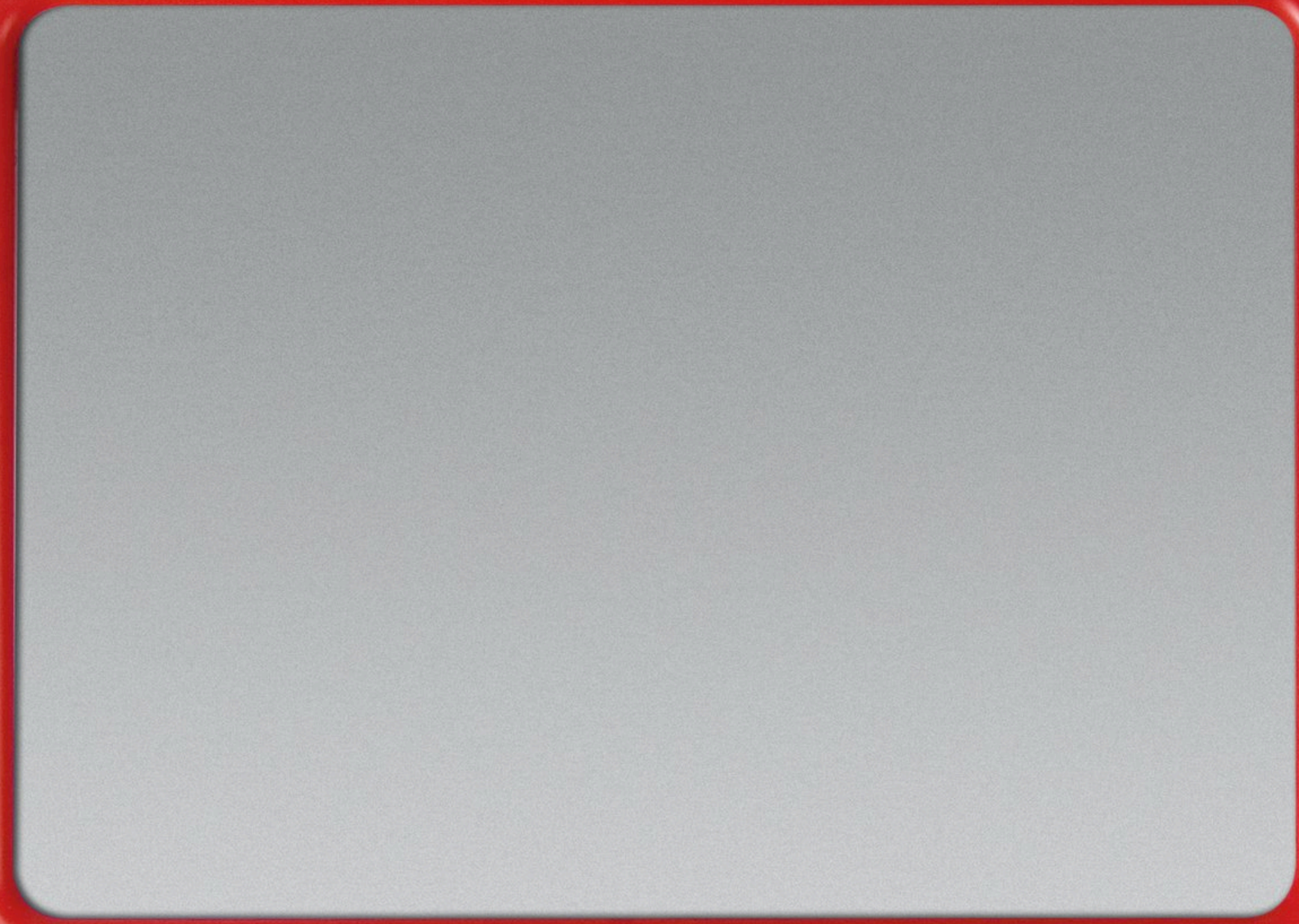


Parables

“More Than A Story”



MAGIC Etch A Sketch[®] SCREEN



Horizontal
Dial

OHIO ART

The World of Toys[®]

Vertical
Dial



MAGIC SCREEN IS GLASS SET IN STURDY PLASTIC FRAME
USE WITH CARE





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Up to seven times?”

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²² Jesus answered, “I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.”

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²³ “Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴ As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold was brought to him.

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²⁵ Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt.

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²⁶ “At this the servant fell on his knees before him. ‘Be patient with me,’ he begged, ‘and I will pay back everything.’ ²⁷ The servant’s master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go.

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**For the wages of sin is death, but the
gift of God is eternal life in Christ
Jesus our Lord.**

Romans 6:23



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²⁸ “But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins.

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He grabbed [the fellow servant] and began to choke him. ‘Pay back what you owe me!’ he demanded.²⁹ ‘His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.’

Matthew 18:21-35

³⁰ “But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt.

“Perhaps [the forgiven servant] had the *legal* right to throw the man in prison, but he did not have the *moral* right. He had been forgiven himself—should he not forgive his fellow servant? He and his family had been spared the shame and suffering of prison. Should he not spare his friend?”

-Warren Weirsbe



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³¹ When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened.

³² “Then the master called the servant in. ‘You wicked servant,’ he said, ‘I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to.

Matthew 18:21-35

³³ Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?' ³⁴ In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed.

³⁵ "This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart."



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“Forgiveness is a vertical commitment that is followed by a horizontal transaction.”

Paul Tripp



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FORGIVENESS IS ...

1. Remembering How Much You Have Been Forgiven

***Be kind and compassionate to one another,
forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave
you. (Ephesians 4:32)***

FORGIVENESS IS ...

2. Relinquishing Your Right To Get Even

Do not take revenge, my dear friends...

(Romans 12:19)

FORGIVENESS IS ...

3. Responding to Evil with Good

...love your enemies, do good to those who hate you...pray for those who mistreat you.

(Luke 6:27-28)

“Holding a grudge against someone means you think you know what they deserve and you take it upon yourself to give it to them.”

Tim Keller



FORGIVENESS IS ...

4. Repeating the Process as Long as Necessary

“I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.” (Matthew 18:22)

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