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The book cover features a classical painting of Jesus with a long white beard and a red robe, placing his hands on the shoulders of a kneeling man. Other figures are visible in the background.

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# WWJD

## What would Jesus do?



I  
~~WWJD~~

What ~~would~~ Jesus ~~do?~~  
is doing?





# Matthew 18:21-35

**<sup>21</sup>Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, “Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?”**





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**<sup>22</sup>Jesus answered, “I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.**





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**<sup>25</sup>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.**

**<sup>26</sup>“At this the servant fell on his knees before him. ‘Be patient with me,’ he begged, ‘and I will pay back everything.’**





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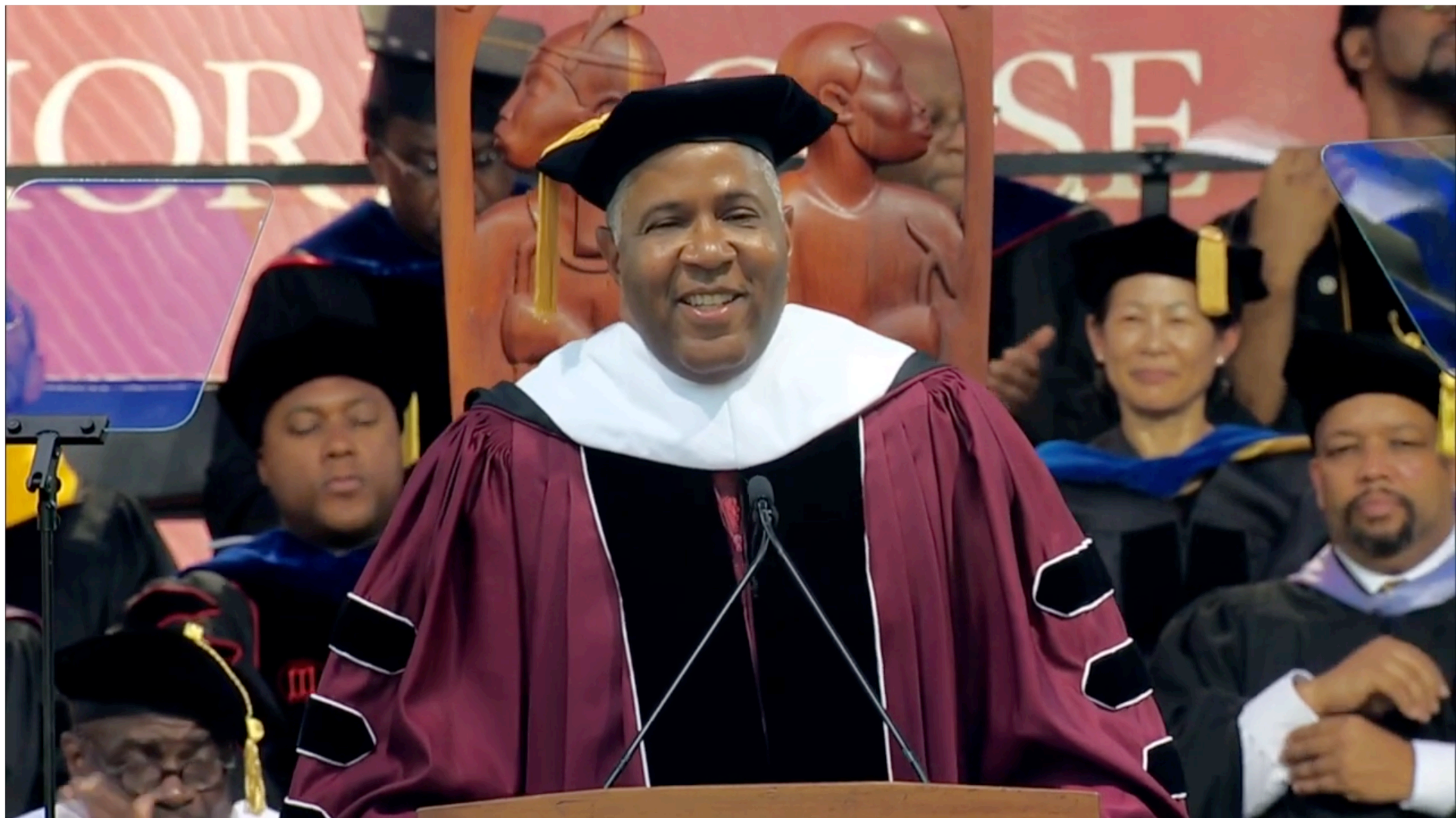
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**FORGIVENESS = Dismissing a debt**









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<sup>28</sup>“But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins. He grabbed him and began to choke him. ‘Pay back what you owe me!’ he demanded.





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**<sup>29</sup>“His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.’**

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





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

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





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**<sup>34</sup>In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed.**





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**<sup>35</sup>“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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**Forgiven people forgive people.**







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Corrie Ten Boom Video



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**Thank you, Lord, for dying on the cross for me and extending your forgiveness to me.**



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**And Lord, thank you for giving me your power to  
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pray. Amen.”**







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