

70 x 7 Skit (Based on Matthew 18:18-22)

*Set the stage -
JESUS and PETER are standing off to the side near the piano.
EVERYONE ELSE is on the other side, standing still.*

JESUS:

Peter, when two of you get together on anything at all on earth and make a prayer of it, my Father in heaven goes into action. And when two or three of you are together because of me, you can be sure that I'll be there.

PETER:

Wow, Jesus! That's great. By the way, when someone - I won't say who - does something stupid and hurts me, I know I should forgive them. But how many times should I forgive them? Seven times?

JESUS:

Oh, Peter. Not seven times.

PETER:

Really? All right! *(thumbs up)*

JESUS:

Seven... times seventy!

PETER and EVERYONE ELSE:

Say WHAT?!?!

Jesus and Peter freeze and everyone else takes it from here.

FIRST PERSON:

Jesus said we are to forgive seven TIMES seventy? You mean multiply seven and seventy?

SECOND PERSON:

Wow, that's *(starts counting on fingers, uses feet and toes)*....

THIRD PERSON:

(leans into the second person) Four hundred and ninety.

SECOND PERSON:

(to THIRD PERSON) I was getting there!

(turns to FIRST PERSON) Four hundred and ninety.

FIRST PERSON:

Wow! That's almost five hundred times we need to forgive someone for something. That's a lot!

SECOND PERSON:

That's almost how much snow we got this year!

THIRD PERSON:

Well, not in inches, but if you measure in millimeters, 490 mm is just over 19 inches. And Purcellville officially got 17" in the Feb. snow storm, and Winchester and Frederick got 19". So, you're actually sort of right!

FIRST PERSON:

490 miles is like driving from here (Waterford) to Detroit, MI (498 miles) or Greenville, SC (489 miles)

SECOND PERSON:

490 degrees F is hot enough to melt tin (449.4F)

THIRD PERSON:

490 pounds is way more than a lion weighs (400) and almost as much as grizzly bear weighs (500)

FIRST PERSON:

490 feet is taller than the Wrigley Building in Chicago (425') and about 90% as tall as the Washington Monument (555')

SECOND PERSON:

490" is more than 4x the average seasonal snowfall for Syracuse, NY

THIRD PERSON:

490 light years is farther than the Pleiades star cluster (@425 ly)

FIRST PERSON:

490 is almost how many career home runs Lou Gehrig had (493)

SECOND PERSON:

490 is about as many career touchdowns as Peyton Manning (491)

THIRD PERSON:

490 yards of tartan would make 61 kilts

SECOND PERSON:

It would take 17.5 boxes to get 490 Thin Mints Girl Scout Cookies.

FIRST PERSON:

And 490 days is a little over a year and four months. We need to forgive someone every day for almost a year and a half.

SECOND PERSON:

That's a lot of forgiving.

THIRD PERSON:

It is. But maybe, after over a year and a half of daily forgiving, we may even forget what we were trying to forgive in the first place. Or at least, we'd have some time to give us distance and perspective.

FIRST PERSON:

That Jesus is pretty amazing. I bet I wouldn't be as wise as him if I lived to be 490 years old!



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