

FAMILY STRONG: Forgiveness

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Matthew 19:1-10 NKJ

Now it came to pass, when Jesus had finished these sayings, that He departed from Galilee and came to the region of Judea beyond the Jordan. And great multitudes followed Him, and He healed them there. The Pharisees also came to Him, testing Him, and saying to Him, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for just any reason?" And He answered and said to them, "Have you not read that He who made them at the beginning 'made them male and female,' and said, 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'? So then, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate." They said to Him, "Why then did Moses command to give a certificate of divorce, and to put her away?" He said to them, "Moses, because of the hardness of your hearts, permitted you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it was not so. And I say to you, whoever divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another, commits adultery; and whoever marries her who is divorced commits adultery." His disciples said to Him, "If such is the case of the man with his wife, it is better not to marry."

FORGIVENESS: COMBINATION OF GRACE AND MERCY

GRACE: GETTING WHAT YOU DON'T DESERVE

MERCY: NOT GETTING WHAT YOU DO DESERVE

Mark 11:22-26 NKJ

So Jesus answered and said to them, "Have faith in God. For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says. Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them. And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses. But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father in heaven forgive your trespasses."

Hebrews 12:15 NKJ

...looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled...

Top 10 Things to Forgive in Family Life:

1. UNFAITHFULNESS
2. DECEPTION
3. ABUSE
4. POOR FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP
5. SELFISHNESS
6. UNREALISTIC EXPECTATIONS
7. PRIDE
8. BAD COMMUNICATION
9. CONTENTIOUSNESS
10. PETTINESS

Top 3 Qualities in People Who Forgive:

1. HUMILITY

1 Peter 5:5 NKJ

...all of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for "God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble."

Colossians 2:13-14 NLT

You were dead because of your sins and because your sinful nature was not yet cut away. Then God made you alive with Christ, for he forgave all our sins. He canceled the record of the charges against us and took it away by nailing it to the cross.

HUMILITY SAYS, "I MUST FORGIVE THE SAME WAY JESUS FORGAVE ME!"

2. UNCONDITIONAL LOVE

1 Corinthians 13:4-8 NLV

Love does not give up. Love is kind. Love is not jealous. Love does not put itself up as being important. Love has no pride. Love does not do the wrong thing. Love never thinks of itself. Love does not get angry. Love does not remember the suffering that comes from being hurt by someone. Love is not happy with sin. Love is happy with the truth. Love takes everything that comes without giving up. Love believes all things. Love hopes for all things. Love keeps on in all things. Love never comes to an end...

3. LORDSHIP

One of the biggest challenges you will have in relationships is whether JESUS or your EMOTIONS will be LORD of your life.

Ephesians 4:30-32 NLV

Do not make God's Holy Spirit have sorrow for the way you live. The Holy Spirit has put a mark on you for the day you will be set free. Put out of your life all these things: bad feelings about other people, anger, temper, loud talk, bad talk which hurts other people, and bad feelings which hurt other people. You must be kind to each other. Think of the other person. Forgive other people just as God forgave you because of Christ's death on the cross.