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Week 6: Grace and Forgiveness at Home

Daily Devotional

As you read these daily scriptures, ask yourself these three questions:

1. What is God saying to me?
2. What do I want to say to God in response?
3. How will I live out this truth?

**Day 1**: **Colossians 3:13**

Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

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**Day 2: 1 John 4:10 (ESV)**

In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

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**Day 3: Genesis 45:4-8**

Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come close to me.” When they had done so, he said, “I am your brother Joseph, the one you sold into Egypt! And now, do not be distressed and do not be angry with yourselves for selling me here, because it was to save lives that God sent me ahead of you. For two years now there has been famine in the land, and for the next five years there will be no plowing and reaping. But God sent me ahead of you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to save your lives by a great deliverance.

“So then, it was not you who sent me here, but God. He made me father to Pharaoh, lord of his entire household and ruler of all Egypt.

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**Day 4: Ephesians 4:32**

Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

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**Day 5: Mark 11:25**

And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive them, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins.

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Discussion Questions:

**1.** Can you recall a time when you experienced pain within your family? How did that impact your relationship with them?

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**2.** How do you differentiate between intentional and unintentional hurt in family relationships? How does this distinction affect your feelings toward those involved?

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**3.** What does “knowing grace” mean to you? How has your understanding of grace changed over time? Can you share a moment when you felt you truly experienced grace in your life? How did that affect your ability to forgive others?

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**4.** What steps do you think are necessary to truly forgive someone who has hurt you?

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**5.** Read the story of Joseph in Genesis 45:4-8. How does Joseph’s story inspire you to approach forgiveness? What can we learn from his response to his brothers?

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6. Why is it important to recognize that forgiveness is not the same as forgetting? How can this understanding help in the healing process?

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7. What are some practical ways you can begin to forgive someone in your family? What barriers do you anticipate facing?

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8. How can your LifeGroup support you in your journey toward forgiveness? What specific prayers or actions can help you?

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