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Family At-Home Devotional • 2 Corinthians Series: Forgiveness



2 Corinthians 2:1-10

Story Time

Paul lived at the same time as Jesus, and traveled all over, telling people about Jesus.

He wrote a letter to his friends in a city called Corinth. The people all read the letter together.

"Dear Friends, last time I visited, John treated me very badly. I told you John should have consequences."

"Yeah," Atreus said, "we took care of that John guy. He got what he deserved!"

But they continued reading, "You were all too hard on John! I forgave him. You need to forgive him now and tell him how much you love him."

The people were surprised. "Oh," said Nyssa. "I guess we were kinda mean to him. Let's listen to Paul and forgive John."

Paul knew that God wanted the people to love and forgive each other and live together in peace.

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HIGHS 'N LOWS

What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?

2

FAITH

What's the hardest thing about forgiving someone? What's the hardest thing about asking for forgiveness?

3

BLESS

May you forgive and be forgiven. Amen.

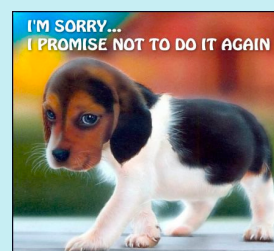


Weekly Challenge

This week, take 5 minutes in the morning when you rise and 5 more before you retire to forgive people who may have hurt you in the past. Just the act of doing this will change you. Share your experiences with your family.

For the Littles

Do you ever say, "I'm sorry?" Do you ever say, "I forgive you?" Which is harder? Why?



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**Use the cipher key to find the secret message.
Some letters have math problems!**

Paul had offended his community and it caused a man to suffer for his sin even more greatly than was necessary. Paul asked forgiveness of his community and then urged that they also forgive the man. They learned forgiveness can be a powerful tool toward healing.

EX-SQUEEZE ME

Sometimes we say, "I'm sorry" when we really mean "excuse me." (Ever accidentally bump into a stranger?) Work hard this week at distinguishing between the two. Only say, "I'm sorry" when the situation warrants an apology. Otherwise, practice "excuse me" instead. Notice the difference in your own confidence and attitude when you get these two right.

