Devotion 6: Go and Forgive

February 28, 2026

Scripture: *John 20:19–21*

> *"On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.'"*

Devotion

The disciples had every reason to feel guilty. They had abandoned Jesus. Peter denied even knowing Him. They hid behind locked doors, afraid and ashamed. And then Jesus appeared— and His first word wasn't a scolding. It was "Peace." Not just once, but twice! Jesus showed them the wounds in His hands and side—proof that He had paid for every sin, every failure, every moment of cowardice. And then He sent them out to share that same forgiveness with the world. God's persistent love doesn't just forgive us and leave us sitting there. It sends us out. It turns guilty, hiding people into bold messengers of mercy. The same Jesus who came looking for Adam in the garden, who carried the lost sheep home, who went to the cross—that Jesus now says to each of us: "Peace be with you. Now go and forgive." That's the whole journey of Lent: from guilt to grace, from hiding to being sent.

Discussion Questions

1. Why do you think Jesus said "Peace" instead of scolding the disciples?

2. Is there someone you need to forgive this week? Is there someone whose forgiveness you need to ask for?

3. How does receiving God's forgiveness change the way we treat others?

Closing Prayer

Lord Jesus, thank You for speaking peace over our guilt and shame. Fill us with Your forgiveness so that it overflows to everyone around us. Send us out as messengers of Your mercy. In Your holy name. Amen.

Family Action Item: As a family, each person names one person they want to forgive or ask forgiveness from this week. Pray for each person by name together.