

Family Matters



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Let it Go

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Colossians 3

¹ Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² **Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.**

³ For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory

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⁵ Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. ⁶ Because of these, the wrath of God is coming.

⁷ You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. ⁸ **But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these:** anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips.

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⁹ Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices ¹⁰ and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator.

¹¹ Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, **but Christ is all, and is in all.**

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¹² Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. ¹³ **Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.** ¹⁴ And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

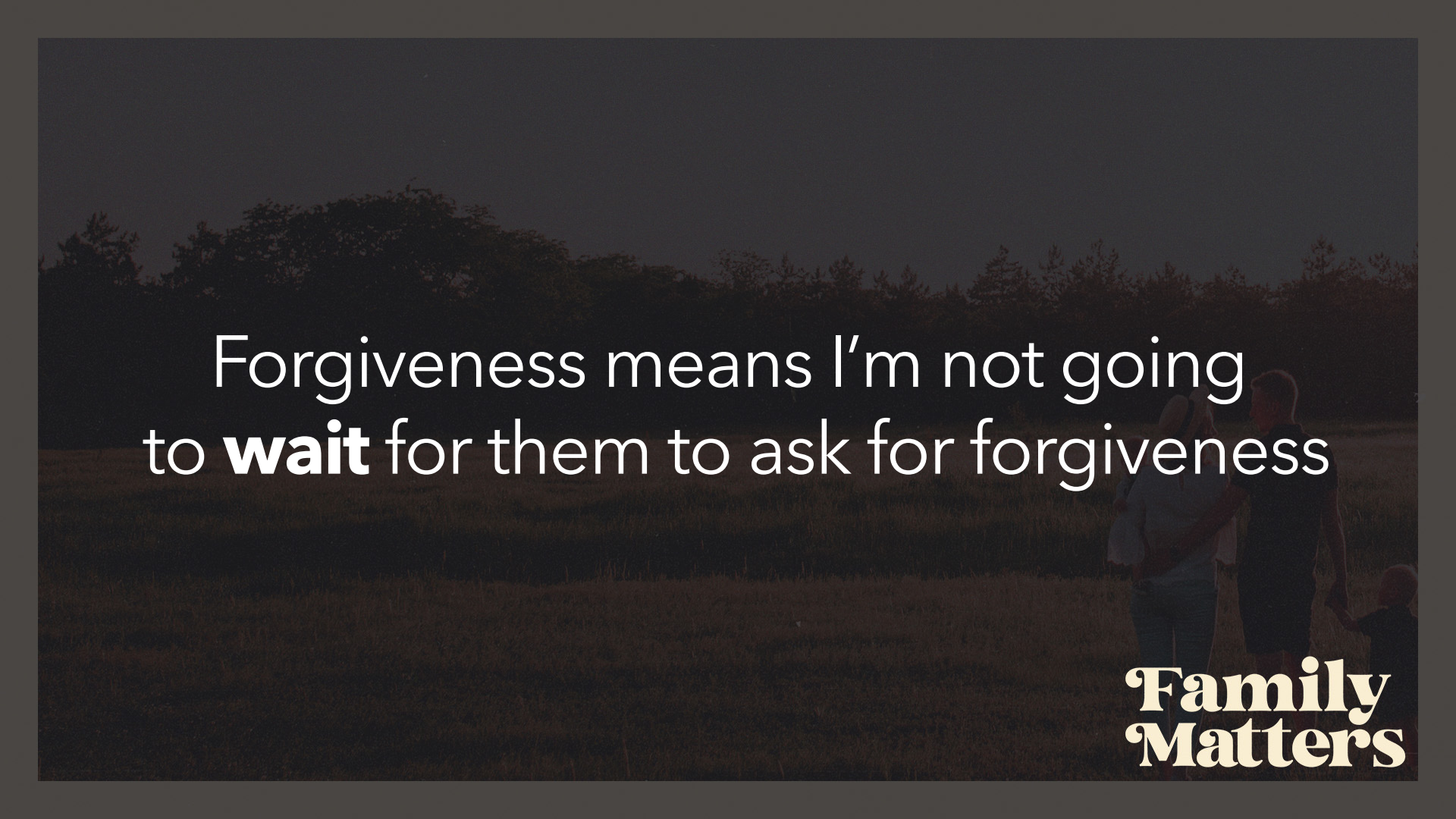
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¹⁵ Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.


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Forgiveness means I'm not going
to **wait** for them to ask for forgiveness

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Unforgiveness is not a **shield**.
It is a **thief**.

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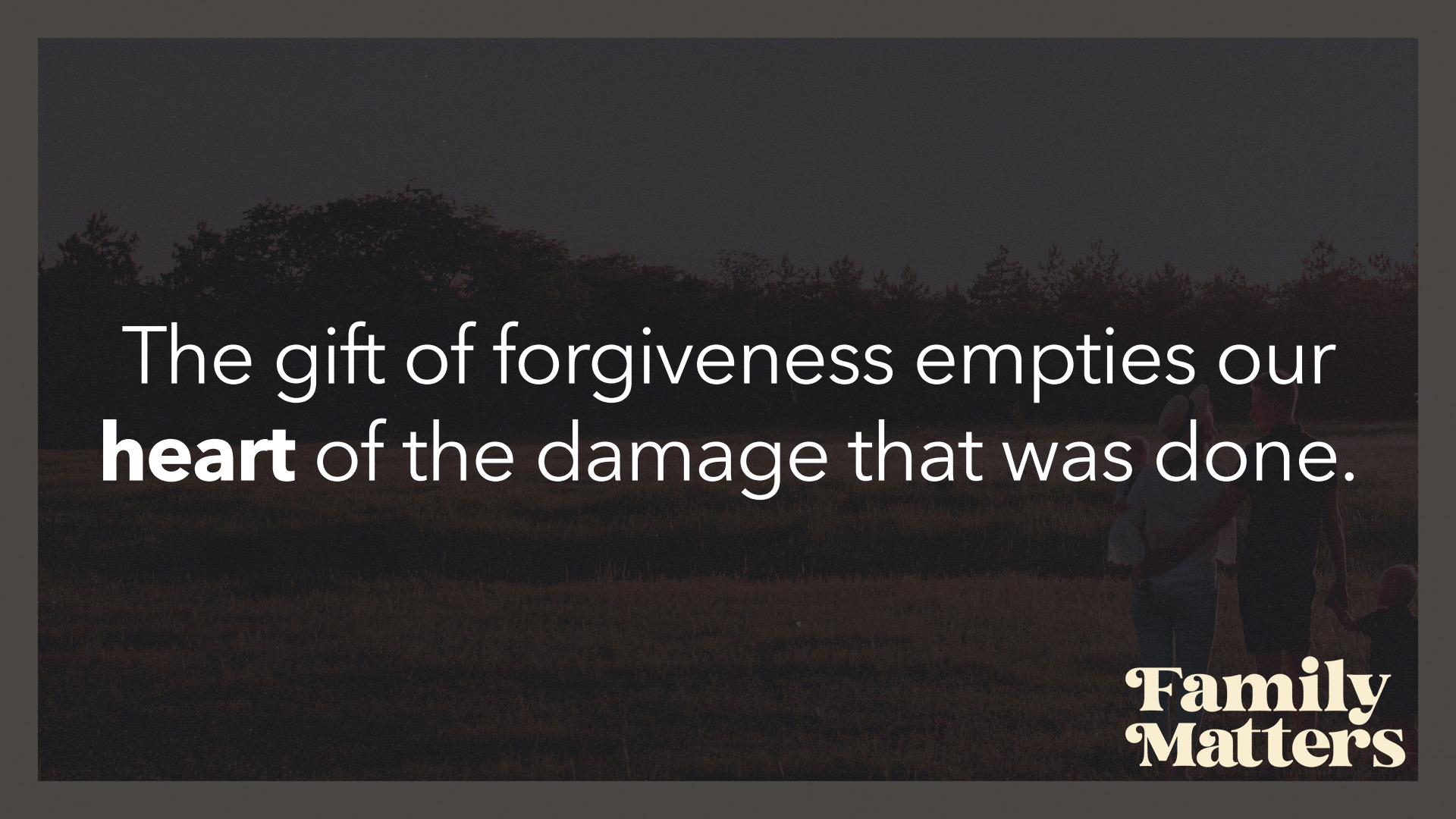
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The gift of forgiveness empties our
heart of the damage that was done.

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You are **not** responsible for what
someone did to you.

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A family consisting of a man, a woman, and two children are walking away from the camera in a grassy field during sunset. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and dark blue. The trees in the background are silhouetted against the bright sky.

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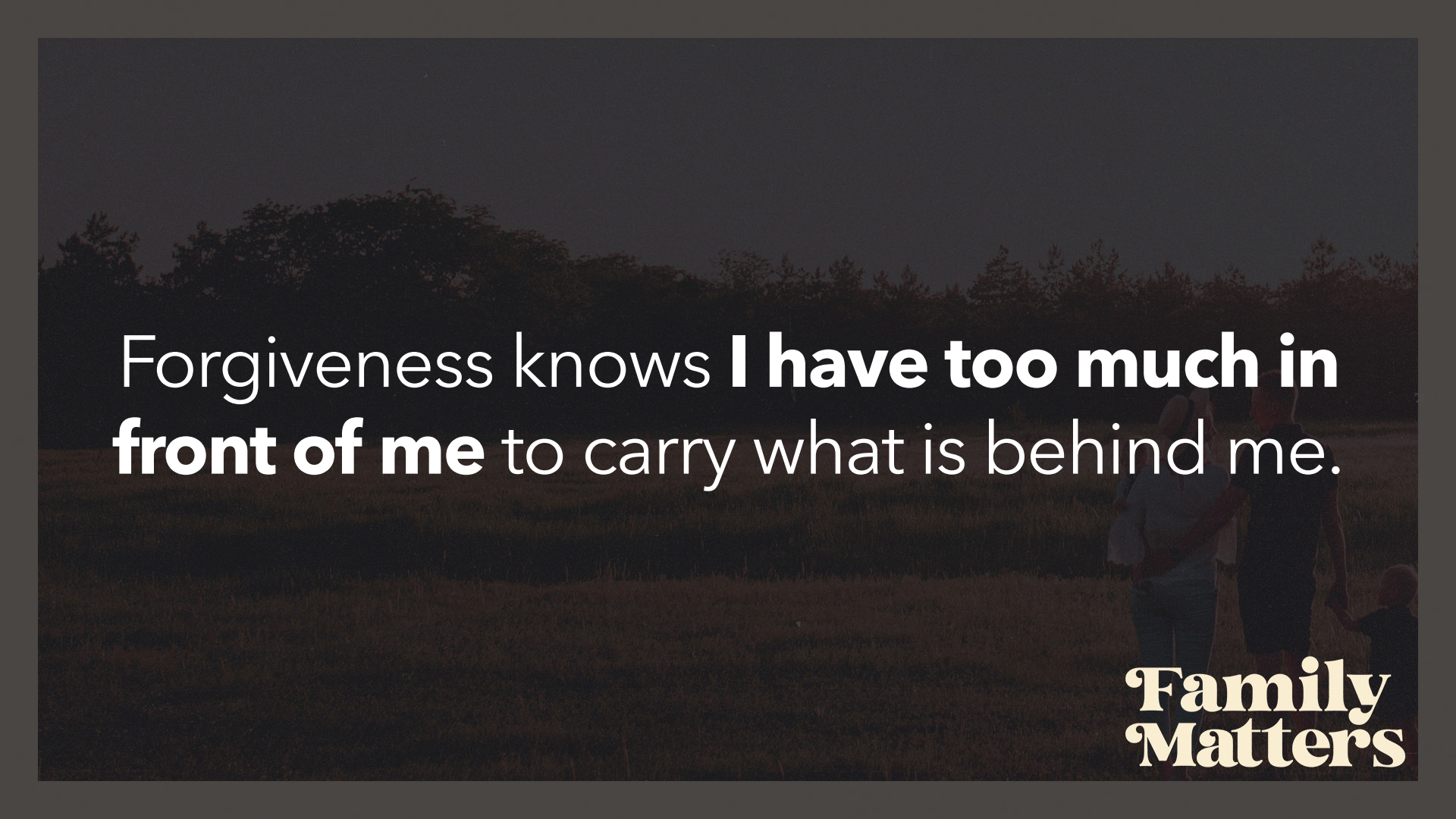
You **are** responsible for what you do after the offense.

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Don't give up your **promise**
for your "**rights**"!

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Forgiveness knows **I have too much in front of me** to carry what is behind me.

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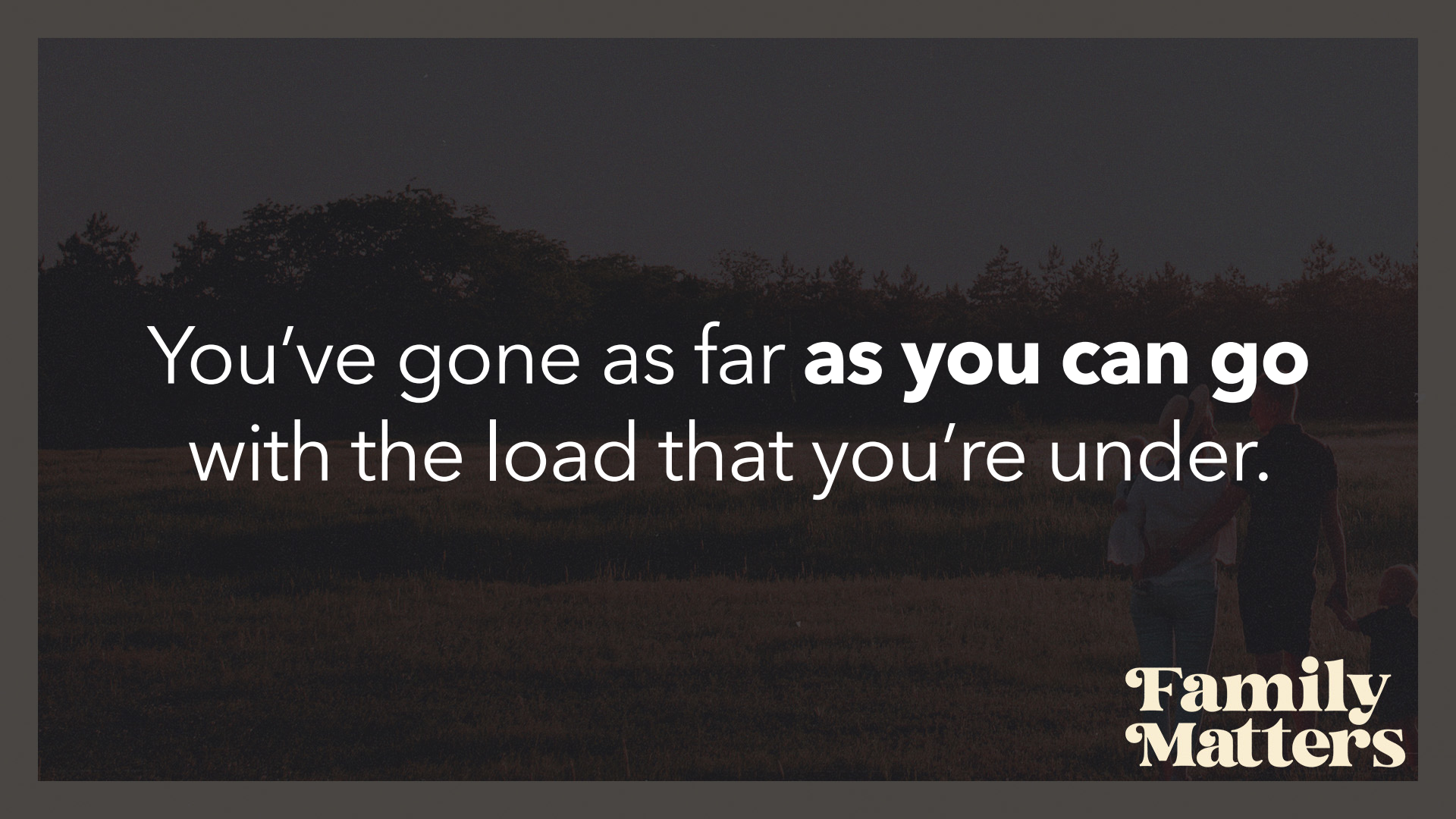
Forgiveness does not mean
I agree with **what was done.**

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Unforgiveness will keep you
from building the family you **dream** about.

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You've gone as far **as you can go**
with the load that you're under.

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Hebrews 12:1

...let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.

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