

THE REAL F-WORD

Part 3 of Series REALATIONSHIPS

Getting Real with the People Closest to You

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“Forgive us the wrongs we have done, as we forgive the wrongs that others have done to us.” Matthew 6:12 (TEV)

**“For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.”
Matthew 6:14-15 (NIV)**

- Forgiveness isn't shallow
- Forgiveness isn't restoration
- Forgiveness isn't normal, but it is necessary
- Forgiveness isn't natural; it's supernatural

1. RELEASE BITTERNESS

“If he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times comes back to you and says, ‘I repent,’ forgive him.” Luke 17:4 (NIV)

2. RECEIVE GRACE

“Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.” Psalm 32:1 (KJV)

“The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him. John said, ‘Look, the Lamb of God. He takes away the sins of the world!’” John 1:29 (ICB)

3. RISK FORGIVENESS

“... do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.” Luke 6:27-28 (NIV)

“God is faithful and reliable. If we confess our sins, He forgives them and cleanses us from everything we've done wrong.” 1 John 1:9 (GW)

- Faithfulness is not about the talk, but all about the walk.

“Many will say they are loyal friends, but who can find one who is truly reliable?”

Proverbs 20:6 (NLT)

- Faithfulness is not about the big event, but all about the small moments.

“He who is faithful in a very little thing is faithful also in much” Luke 16:10 (NASB)

- Faithfulness is not about my strength, but all about God’s grace.

“But He said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness.’ Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me.” 2 Corinthians 12:9 (NIV)

- Faithfulness is not about how you start, but all about how you finish.

“Love ... always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.” 1 Corinthians 13:7-8 (NIV)