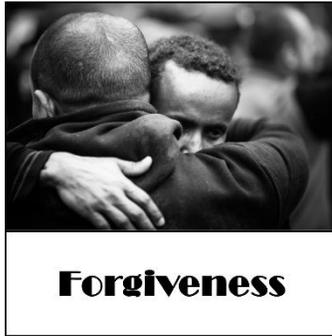


God's Story™ Our Story



May 29, 2016

Devotion: Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions. You can do this alone, as a couple, as a family; in the morning, during the day, or at night. Find a routine that works best for you.

Pray: Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

Gracious God, you never hold our sins against us. Create in us forgiving hearts which follow their maker's loving example, in the name of the one who first loved us. Amen.

Reflect: Reflect on the key verse from Sunday's reading.

Anyone whom you forgive, I also forgive. What I have forgiven, if I have forgiven anything, has been for your sake in the presence of Christ. 2 Corinthians 2:10

Study: Study the reading and consider the background.

Paul urges the Corinthians to forgive one who has wronged them, that they might also know freedom and live as Christ's true followers.

Read: Read the following daily readings to deepen your understanding of Sunday's text. After the reading, ask the follow-up questions.

Sunday, 2 Corinthians 2:1-10, *Forgiveness*

Monday, 2 Corinthians 2:11-17, *Paul's Anxiety in Troas*

Tuesday, 2 Corinthians 3:1-18, *Ministers of the New Covenant*

Wednesday, Galatians 6:1-10, *Bear One Another's Burdens*

Thursday, Ephesians 4:25 – 5:2, *Rules for the New Life*

Friday, Philippians 2:19-30, *Timothy and Epaphroditus*

Saturday, Matthew 18:21-22, *Forgiveness*

What can you learn about forgiveness from these texts?

Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household. Discuss the following questions, or simply check in with "Highs" and "Lows."

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

What kinds of things are hard for you to forgive? How can God help?

Tell of a story of a time you did something for which you needed forgiveness. How did it turn out?

Do: By acting on what we learn we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

Consider someone with whom you currently have a broken relationship. Make a point to pray for the well-being of that person a few times each day this week. At the end of the week take note of how your relationship or your attitude toward that relationship has changed over the course of the week.

Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God mend your broken relationships. Amen.