

**Marriage & Family God's Way:
The Forgotten Member of Family: Forgiveness
Eph 5:15-6:4 Part 15**

I. The End is Here! Eph 5:15-6:4 Marriage & Family!

A. Finally! 15 Sermons to talk about Marriage & Family!

B. AND – So much left UNSAID!

**C. But Today is Mother's Day and FITTING to Close with
ONE MORE MESSAGE – even though we've covered
every INCH of this section**

D. What do I talk about?

1. Summarizing Marriage & Family = SUBMISSION
 - a) We all SUBMIT to The LORD JESUS CHRIST
2. FOCUSING on the ONE KEY AREA =
 - a) Walking in Wisdom = Eph 5:15-21 IS THE FOUNDATION to Marriage & Family
 - b) = The Spirit-controlled Life!
 - c) IF NOT Filled with the Spirit – None of this section is really possible
3. I kept coming back to ONE THING that ALWAYS comes up in ANY Family problem = FORGIVENESS!

E. In counseling – LACK of FORGIVENESS can be SO BIG – that you QUESTION the PERSON'S SALVATION!

1. IOW – IF you can't forgive someone else THEN I have to wonder IF you KNOW HOW MUCH YOU HAVE BEEN FORGIVEN BY CHRIST!
2. Say another way – FORGIVENESS is the FIRST THING you UNDERSTAND to BECOME a CHRISTIAN!
 - a) If you can't apply that THEN MAYBE you NEVER DID UNDERSTAND IT!
3. So many people think FORGIVENESS = TOLERANCE while still angry or bitter about something they did
 - a) Love CAN be WITHOUT FORGIVENESS! Wrong!

F. Let's learn what Forgiveness really is from Paul

G. TURN TO Passage to read...

Eph 4:31 Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. 32 Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you. 5:1 Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children; 2 and walk in love, just as Christ also loved you and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma.

II. Forgiveness Puts off ANGER (or EVIL)(v.31-32)

A. Paul: PUT IT AWAY from you – CUT it OUT!

1. You can see why this has gotten covered TWICE in this Section! Remember?

Eph 4:26 BE ANGRY, AND yet DO NOT SIN; do not let the sun go down on your anger, 27 and do not give the devil an opportunity.

2. Paul now concludes this section with a list of things to put off and put on
 - a) The difference now – He's MUCH MORE SPECIFIC than he was in V.26-27!

B. Once again – PUT OFF, PUT ON and THE REASON!

C. Eph 4:25-32 = 5 SPECIFIC WAYS to WALK in HOLINESS SO THAT we can PRESERVE the UNITY of the Body of Christ!

1. Replace LYING with SPEAKING TRUTH (v.25)
2. Replace UNRIGHTEOUS ANGER with RIGHTEOUS ANGER (v.26-27)
3. Replace STEALING with SHARING (v.28)
4. Replace UNWHOLESOME WORDS with EDIFYING WORDS (v.29-30)
5. Replace EVIL ACTIONS with EDIFYING ACTIONS (v.31-32)

D. PUT OFF: 31 *Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice.*

E. REMEMBER the KEY:

1. PUTOFF / PUT ON are OPPOSITES
2. SO – CANNOT PUT ON until PUT OFF
3. IOW –
 - a) If you have BITTERNESS, you do NOT HAVE FORGIVENESS
 - b) If you HAVE ANGER, YOU DO NOT HAVE FORGIVENESS!
4. Got that? KEY!
5. That’s why this point is CALLED: Forgiveness puts off ANGER (or EVIL)

F. Adjective “all” – = ALL MANNER of / ALL KINDS of

- a) INCLUDES ALL of your bitterness, etc.!
- b) Encompasses EVERY FORM of SIN that CAN be DONE in this LIST (“all” goes with the WHOLE LIST)

G. VERB: “be put away from you”

1. Very Strong COMMAND =“GET RID OF”
2. IMPLIES – STRONGER EFFORT NEEDED to remove the things on this list!

H. The LIST = RELATIONSHIP SINS!

1. List DEFINITELY has a PROGRESSION
2. Builds from the INSIDE-OUT
3. “bitterness” = STATE of MIND – deep within – then
4. Wrath – Explosive, Rage Anger
5. Clamor – SHOUTING OUT IN PUBLIC!, etc.
6. We’ll talk about each in a moment – but KNOW that this is a PROGRESSION!

I. all bitterness

1. = “ill-tempered, fretted, irritable state of mind that keeps a person in a state of perpetual animosity and resentment. It is a disposition of spirit that refuses to be reconciled, characterized by harshness”
2. Bitterness= negative thoughts and feelings that have burned and smoldered within for a long time.
3. Heb 12:15 RIGHTLY calls this a “[root of bitterness](#)”

J. and wrath and anger

1. Remember: Three words in Greek for Anger
 - a) See ALL THREE in Ephesians!

b) RAGE Anger: Eph 4:31

[Eph 4:31](#) Let all bitterness and [wrath](#) and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice.

- (1) = INSTANT NUCLEAR EXPLOSION
- (2) = Road Rage, “losing it” RAGE
- (3) NEVER tolerated for a Christian!

c) REASONED Anger: 4:31 (and v.26) : ORGAY

[Eph 4:31](#) Let all bitterness and wrath and [anger](#) (or v.26 “be angry and yet do not sin”)

- (1) Root = to be puffed up, swell, excited
- (2) = Anger that COMES from VIOLATING your PRINCIPLES, BELIEFS, VIEWS, EXPECTATIONS, etc.
- (3) “I have a REASON to be ANGRY!”
- (4) BUT – remember – this CAN and MOST OFTEN is SIN!
 - (a) Your REASONS are REASONED BUT WRONG!
 - (b) Your BELIEFS are WRONG!
 - (c) “I get angry EVERY TIME SHE DOES THAT!”
 - (d) Q: Should you? A: No.
 - (5) REASONED anger is LONGER term and MORE PERMANENT than RAGE anger!

d) RESENTMENT Anger: Here represented by BITTERNESS (first word)
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2. BOTTOM LINE – PAUL is SAYING – PUT OFF ALL FORMS of ANGER
 - a) From the deep within BITTERNESS (resentment)
 - b) To the RAGE anger AND the REASONED anger!
3. NOW – the list turns to the OUTWORKINGS of ALL KINDS of ANGER!

K. and clamor

1. =violent outburst, yelling – even in public
2. = “cry out” / “shout” – Very OUTWARDLY / EXTERNALLY DESCRIPTIVE WORD!
3. “clamor”– focuses on EXTERNAL Nature of the anger!
4. We rarely use the word “clamor” today with this extreme meaning – to us it means just “a lot of noise” – e.g. “what a clamor next door”
5. One side note – CLAMOR – yelling – is VERY HARD on CHILDREN
 - a) Clamor has LONG TERM effects on children
 - b) MOST often leads to FEAR of RELATIONSHIPS and they become adults to WITHDRAW rather than RELATE to people.
 - c) A little child doesn’t know what to do with a violent, out-bursting parent
 - d) Parents are WHOLE world – PROVIDER, PROTECTOR, - they have nowhere else to go / to turn
 - e) When a parent’s anger becomes clamor and wrath – Children face indescribable INSECURITY and FEAR with no way to solve it – 6:4 Provoked to anger!

L. and slander

1. REMEMBER: Whereas CLAMOR is extremely public and “in your face” – that is, DIRECTED at YOU with you there - slander behind your back

2. SLANDER is a form of GOSSIPING!
 - a) trying to HURT another person's view of that person
 - b) Speak evil behind their back and as Solomon said – they'll take into their "innermost parts" (Prov 18:8)

M. along with all malice.

1. Malice is the general term for EVIL!
2. Therefore – a specific list and then – BTW – ALL FORMS of EVIL ACTIONS MUST GO!
3. AND – Paul commanded the Corinthians to be like babies in regards to evil!
1 Co 14:20 Brethren, do not be children in your thinking; yet in evil be infants, but in your thinking be mature.
 - a) Isn't that a great picture?!

N. PUT OFF LIST MUST GO to PUT on the next list.

1. Our Focus is FORGIVENESS – key part of next list.
2. SO – IF you have bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, slander, malice – one or all, YOU DO NOT HAVE kindness, tender-heartedness, forgiveness!

III. Forgiveness imitates God's Forgiveness

A. PUT ON: 32 Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.

1. Each of these stands OPPOSED to V.31 NEGATIVES

B. Be kind to one another

1. KEY: VERB "Be" = BECOME
 - a) = BECOME kind, tender-hearted = A PROCESS
 - b) It takes TIME to BECOME KIND, TENDER-HEARTED!
2. "kind" = my SPOUSE'S / CHILD'S / PARENT'S good is AS IMPORTANT as my own!
 - a) = a PROACTIVE ATTITUDE of SEEKING out the NEEDS and GOOD of other members of you FAMILY!

3. SO –

- a) Instead of “being angry” – where you get mad because spouse, children, parents don’t MEET your NEEDS and EXPECTATIONS
- b) Paul Says BE KIND – PUT the needs of others in the FAMILY up there EQUAL to your own needs and your own good!
- c) Look back at your week and see how much went to the Family’s GOOD in comparison to how much went to your good!

C. tender-hearted,

- 1. = compassion, heart (as in attitude), tender mercies, affections
- 2. So – have a tender-hearted attitude – COMPASSION / CARING– towards one another!
- 3. AND – do you see the progression here?
 - a) Tender-hearted is MORE INTIMATE and PERSONAL than “be kind”
 - b) next is more intimate than tender-hearted...

D. forgiving each other,

- 1. Now the hard part! FORGIVING!
- 2. Verb = CONTINUOUS, YOU DO THE ACTION!
- 3. WE NEVER STOP forgiving!
- 4. Most people – I’ll forgive you once or twice – after that forget it!
 - a) I don’t want anything to do with you
 - b) I’m not going to risk being hurt by you again – you’ve got a track record!
- 5. God – You must forgive and forgive and forgive!
 - a) 1st time, 2nd time, 7th time, 70th time – 7x70th time!
 - b) In modern speak we’d say 24x7!
- 6. **What’s the problem if you don’t forgive?**

- a) Well – you're back to the previous verse!
- b) IOW – UNFORGIVENESS = you keep a POISON inside of you – BECOME BITTER, ANGRY,...
- c) You leave a seed in the soil of your heart that will grow and poison you!
- d) That poison is some form of the "Put off" in v.31!
- e) YOUR LIFE GOES BACK TO V.31!
- f) VERY HIGH PRICE to NOT FULLY FORGIVING!

7. VERB TENSE here is SO IMPORTANT!

- a) Q: Is Forgiveness an EVENT or a PROCESS? A: BOTH!
- b) STARTS with an EVENT – you have to choose the godly path of FORGIVENESS
- c) You have to FORGIVE NOW
- d) BUT – it is also a PROCESS! From TWO SIDES
 - (1) Their side – you may have to forgive 7x70!
 - (a) Always choosing to forgive NO MATTER how often they sin against you!
 - (b) Always going BACK into the RING and take another punch!
 - (2) BUT – from your side,
 - (a) do you instantly forget a sin against you?
 - (b) Does the pain instantly go away?
 - (c) Do the thoughts of hurt melt away immediately?
 - (d) NO – you have to work at it!

8. WHEN you say "I FORGIVE YOU" you make a commitment / a promise to

- a) Never speak or use this against you again
- b) Never speak to others about this (gossip)
- c) NEVER DWELL on this – I will work to keep my mind focused on things above and every time this ENTERS my mind – I will STOP it and TURN to the LORD and think biblical thoughts!

9. Do you know what happens then?
 - a) With God's help, it DIES WITHIN you
 - b) Why? You've NOT FED IT, NOURISHED IT at all
 - c) AND you've REPLACED it WITH GODLY thoughts!

E. REASON: just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.

1. This is not ONLY the "REASON" but is the GROUND for ALL FORGIVENESS! The BASIS!
 - a) If you want a verse to test almost every response against – "I should _____ just as God in Christ also has forgiven me"
2. So, how did God Forgive you? A: "IN CHRIST" (v.32)
3. "has forgiven you" = COMPLETED ACTION – ALREADY DONE! – At SALVATION!
4. SO – WE WHO DESERVED NOTHING – got what? - COMPLETE, 100%, ETERNAL FORGIVENESS!
5. God says, I did that for you – NOW YOU DO THAT
 - a) Do you forgive me because I deserve it? NO!
 - b) I sin – I deserve eternal death!
6. BUT – remember this -When I sin against you –
 - a) Do you realize what is really happening?
 - b) You're sitting there trying to work up the godliness to forgive me, right?
 - c) You know what, God has already forgiven me!
 - d) He's just waiting for you to do the same!
 - e) He wants you BE LIKE HIM and DO LIKE HIM

IV. FORGIVENESS IMITATES GOD'S LOVE (Love Forgives)

Eph 5:1 Therefore ...= takes us BACK to the **VERSES before it!**

Eph 4:31 Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. 32 Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you. 1 Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children;

1. =FLOW of THOUGHT from the previous verses!

B. be imitators of God, as beloved children;

1. "be" = become! (cross out "be")
 - a) "become" = start right now in GROWING and step-by-step, BECOMING like God!
2. "imitators of God" = mimics of God!
 - a) "imitators" =mimic = to imitate=COPY IN EXACT DETAIL
 - b) = DUPLICATE HIM EXACTLY!
 - c) Q: What is the basis for this command?
3. A: "as beloved Children!"
 - a) = "comparative phrase"
 - (1)= Just as children imitate their earthly father, so imitate your heavenly father
 - (2)What do you IMITATE? Do you IMITATE ALL OF GOD? No – look at next phrase!

C. 2 and walk in love,

1. NOW Pull the whole phrase together: be imitators of God, as beloved children; 2 and walk in love,
 - a) = In the same way your Heavenly Father has loved you, SO IMITATE HIS LOVE
 - b) The "therefore" pulled us BACK to call us to IMITATE HIS FORGIVENESS as PART of LOVE!
 - c) BUT ALSO - Paul FLOWS FORWARD and calls US TO IMITATE HIS LOVE in SACRIFICE (not today!)
2. "walk" = your daily life, daily conduct!
3. "in love" = Agape love = love of the will! = I choose to love regardless of what I may or may not get!
4. Q: Where do you see the Sacrifice Part of Love?

D. just as Christ also loved you and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma.

1. God's Love FORGIVES and SACRIFICES!

E. Transition -Not going to Study the Sacrificing Aspect of God's love today –

- a) Just study forgiveness

V. THEREFORE, Measure Your Love by Forgiveness

A. KEY: “Therefore” in 5:1 PULLS forward from the phrase “4:32...forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.”

B. Now – Look at this from VIEWPOINT of 5:1-2!

1. From the command to imitate God in His love!
2. So – THEREFORE, Measure Your Love by Forgiveness

C. MEASURE YOUR LOVE by FORGIVENESS

1. Measure Your Love by HOW MUCH you FORGIVE
2. Measure Your Love by HOW MUCH you KNOW you are FORGIVEN

D. NOTE: Can't really separate these!

1. YOU WILL FORGIVE to the EXTENT that YOU KNOW you are FORGIVEN!
2. We'll see the INTERWEAVING in both parts!
3. But let's separate them for FOCUS!

E. Measure Your Love by HOW MUCH you FORGIVE

4:32...forgiving each other,

1. SO – HOW MUCH DO YOU FORGIVE OTHERS?
2. MEASURE you LOVE by HOW MUCH you FORGIVE!
1 Pe 4:8 Above all, keep fervent in your love for one another, because love covers a multitude of sins.
Pr 10:12 ... love covers all transgressions.
 - a) KEY ATTRIBUTE of GODLY LOVE – FORGIVENESS!
 - b) God DID it FIRST for US - NOW we do it FOR US!
3. Let's ILLUSTRATE this POINT with a BAD example of FORGIVING OTHERS!
4. Turn to Matthew 18:21

Mt 18:21 Then Peter came and said to Him, “Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me and I forgive him? Up to seven times?” 22 Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven. 23 “For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. 24 “When he had begun to settle *them*, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him.

- a) 10000 talents = about 15-20 years of wages for 10000 people!
- b) If average person makes 50K/year = 500M dollars!
- c) = UNPAYABLE DEBT
- d) Obviously, the picture here is WHAT we OWE GOD!

5. 25 “But since he did not have *the means* to repay, his lord commanded him to be sold, along with his wife and children and all that he had, and repayment to be made. 26 “So the slave fell *to the ground* and prostrated himself before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me and I will repay you everything.’ 27 “And the lord of that slave felt compassion and released him and forgave him the debt.

- a) When you KNOW how great the debt is, you know how GREAT the COMPASSION WAS!
- b) This is where a parable is FAR less than the truth – because God couldn’t just forgive with His word
- c) His Justice demanded payment!
- d) God didn’t just “absorb” the payment like the KING! – His Son died to pay the un-payable debt!

6. 28 “But that slave went out and found one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and he seized him and *began to choke him*, saying, ‘Pay back what you owe.’ 29 “So his fellow slave fell *to the ground* and *began to plead* with him, saying, ‘Have patience with me and I will repay you.’ 30 “But he was unwilling and went and threw him in prison until he should pay back what was owed.

- a) It took 6000 Denari to equal one talent!
 - b) This man owed 100 Denari! The slave just forgiven OWED 6000*10000 DENARI! = 60M Denari
 - (1) He was just forgiven a debt of 60M Denari
 - (2) Now he encounters a man who owes him 100 Denari (about 100 days wages)
 - c) Notice – the fellow slave’s plea IS EXACTLY the SAME as this man’s plea was to the KING!
 - d) Response – NO MERCY! = WICKED SLAVE
7. [31](#) “So when his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were deeply grieved and came and reported to their lord all that had happened. [32](#) “Then summoning him, his lord said to him, ‘You wicked slave, I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. [33](#) ‘Should you not also have had mercy on your fellow slave, in the same way that I had mercy on you?’
- a) Do you hear Ephesians 4:32 here?
 - (1) Forgive others same way God has forgiven you?
8. [34](#) “And his lord, moved with anger, handed him over to the torturers until he should repay all that was owed him. [35](#) “My heavenly Father will also do the same to you, if each of you does not forgive his brother from your heart.”
- a) Note: In the parable, the evil slave does NOT represent an UNSAVED PERSON!
 - b) This is God TURNING the PERSON over FOR CHASTISEMENT of EXTREME SIN!
 - c) UNWILLING for FORGIVE is a HUGE SIN that ANGERS GOD! -OBVIOUS how EVIL this servant was!
9. We ALL look at this and can’t BELIEVE HOW QUICKLY this man TURNED from FORGIVEN to UNFORGIVING!
- a) Maybe it’s because of the immediacy that the two parts of the story occurred
 - (1) Just FORGIVEN by the KING

(2)Then UNFORGIVING to the fellow slave!

b) BUT – In God’s EYES – this is HOW we LOOK when we don’t forgive! -We look JUST as EVIL!

c) God says – I have FORGIVEN you EVERY SIN

(1)An UNPAYABLE DEBT

(2)And I PAID with the LIFE of MY SON – far more than the KING in this story!

d) HOW CAN YOU EVER NOT be FORGIVING!

(1)What GREATER SIN AGAINST you could occur that SURPASSES what I’ve forgiven you?

(2)AND – for your FAMILY – WIFE / HUSBAND / PARENTS / CHILDREN – I’VE ALREADY FORGIVEN THEM!

(3)I’ve PAID – what more SHOULD they be expected to PAY

10. TO Measure Your Love by HOW MUCH you FORGIVE

a) MEASURE it BY how UNFORGIVING YOU ARE

b) See the UGLINESS of UNFORGIVENESS

c) See the EVIL of not extending what GOD has done for you to OTHERS

d) Search your heart for un-forgiveness

(1)What does that look like?

(a)When you don’t forgive, you return to V.31!

[Eph 4:31](#) Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice.

(b)IF any of those are in you, you haven’t forgiven.

(2)The other form that un-forgiveness takes is LACK of RECONCILIATION

(a)REFUSE to GET CLOSE to that PERSON again

(b)Our model for RECONCILIATION is GOD

(c)=RESTORE a relationship TO INTIMATE CLOSENESS

(d)Just like God has done with you!

e) MEASURE your LOVE by HOW MUCH you FORGIVE!

F. Measure Your Love by HOW MUCH you KNOW you are FORGIVEN!

4:32 (end)...just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.

1. This is the GROUND for ALL OUR FORGIVENESS!
2. How does LOVE fit here, you ask?

Jn 3:16 “For God SO LOVED the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, ...

Eph 2:4 But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, 5 even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),

3. Q: How REAL / DEEP is God’s forgiveness TO YOU?

4. Turn to Luke 7:36

Lk 7:36 Now one of the Pharisees was requesting Him to dine with him, and He entered the Pharisee’s house and reclined *at the table*. 37 And there was a woman in the city who was a sinner; and when she learned that He was reclining *at the table* in the Pharisee’s house, she brought an alabaster vial of perfume,

- a) “who was a sinner” = a prostitute
 - b) BTW – Not Mary Magdalene and the story that takes place at Lazarus’ house right before the Passion week.
5. 38 and standing behind *Him* at His feet, weeping, she began to wet His feet with her tears, and kept wiping them with the hair of her head, and kissing His feet and anointing them with the perfume.
 - a) “weeping” = BROKEN over her SIN! =Sign of EXTREME REPENTANCE

b) **CONTEXT:** very unusual situation

(1) No prostitute would enter house of a religious leader

(2) **LET ALONE** interrupt a **MEAL** with **GUESTS!**

(3) Some Slave would later **PAY** for **NOT** catching this woman before she got to Jesus!

6. 39 Now when the Pharisee who had invited Him saw this, he said to himself, “If this man were a prophet He would know who and what sort of person this woman is who is touching Him, that she is a sinner.”

a) “he said to himself” = HE THOUGHT to HIMSELF (didn’t say anything out loud)

b) Talk about self-righteous!

c) She’s a sinner! **IMPLIED** = I’M NOT!

d) Q: does Simon have ANY SENSE of HOW much of a **SINNER** against **GOD** he is? A: NO!

7. 40 And Jesus answered him, “Simon, I have something to say to you.” And he replied, “Say it, Teacher.” 41 “A moneylender had two debtors: one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. 42 “When they were unable to repay, he graciously forgave them both. So which of them will love him more?” 43 Simon answered and said, “I suppose the one whom he forgave more.” And He said to him, “You have judged correctly.”

a) Jesus – master story teller **WASTES** **SIMON’S** attitude!

b) Notice **HOW** Jesus does this!

c) Story **FIRST** – doesn’t completely **INDICT** Simon – **YET**

d) He taught the **PRINCIPLE** – **NOW** He’ll **APPLY** it

e) He gives the **WOMAN** the **GREATER PLACE** because she **ACKNOWLEDGED** her sin and sought forgiveness!

8. 44 Turning toward the woman, He said to Simon, “Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave Me no water for My feet, but she has wet My feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. 45 “You gave Me no kiss; but she, since the time I came in, has not ceased to kiss

My feet. 46 “You did not anoint My head with oil, but she anointed My feet with perfume. 47 “For this reason I say to you, her sins, which are many, have been forgiven, for she loved much; but he who is forgiven little, loves little.” 48 Then He said to her, “Your sins have been forgiven.” 49 Those who were reclining *at the table* with Him began to say to themselves, “Who is this *man* who even forgives sins?” 50 And He said to the woman, “Your faith has saved you; go in peace.”

- a) Woman FORGIVEN because she KNEW / ACKNOWLEDGED the depth of her sin.
- b) Simon and others: NOT FORGIVEN because were GUILTY of the ULTIMATE SIN – I DON’T NEED GOD!
- c) Knew NO SIN, therefore KNEW no FORGIVENESS!
- d) Going forward – WHO will SHOW more FORGIVENESS? A: the woman!

(1) Simon DIDN’T SHOW ANY HERE in this story – NOT going to show it in the future!

9. Q: When you consider HOW MUCH God has forgiven you

- a) Does it DRIVE you TO WEEPING
- b) Does it DROP you TO YOUR KNEES?
- c) Or IS IT SOMETHING you

(1) Take for granted

(2) Never really think about any more?

(3) “that was something I dwelt on a lot when I was saved but that was a long time ago.”

G. Paul: NEVER FORGET HOW MUCH you’ve been forgiven

- 1. YOUR ability to LOVE OTHERS DEPENDS on the HOW MUCH YOU KNOW you’ve been forgiven