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“Forgive Because You Have Been Forgiven”

Colossians 4:9, Philemon

Scripture Reading: Philemon 1:4-14 ESV

⁴ I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, ⁵ because I hear of your love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and for all the saints, ⁶ and I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ! ⁷ For I have derived much joy and comfort from your love, my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you.

⁸ Accordingly, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do what is required, ⁹ yet for love's sake I prefer to appeal to you—I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus— ¹⁰ I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment. ¹¹ (Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me.) ¹² I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart. ¹³ I would have been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on your behalf during my imprisonment for the gospel, ¹⁴ but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own accord.

Family Time:

Read through Matthew 18:21-35 and answer the following questions. How much did the first servant owe the king? How much would that be in modern day? What was going to happen to him and his family because of the debt? What did the servant do when he found out he couldn't pay? How did the king respond? How much was that servant owed by a fellow servant? How much would this be in comparison of the first debt? How did the first servant respond when the second couldn't pay? What was the end result of the first servant? Why is it so important for us to forgive others?

For Further Study, Thought, and Discussion:

1. Think of a time when someone forgave you for something you did or that you forgave them. What happened to that relationship?
2. Think of a time when someone didn't forgive you or you didn't forgive them of something? How is that relationship?
3. In Matthew 18:21 Peter asks Jesus how often he is to forgive someone. How does this compare to 1 John 1:9 and our relationship with God.

NEXT WEEK: Colossians 4:2-6