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TABLE TALK

Forgiving Families

Prepare:

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Light a candle and then as a family pray the Lord's Prayer

Read: Read Matthew 18:21-35 (ESV)

21 Then Peter came up and said to him, "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" 22 Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times.

23 "Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. 24 When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. 25 And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. 26 So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' 27 And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. 28 But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.' 29 So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' 30 He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. 31 When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. 32 Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. 33 And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' 34 And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. 35 So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

Reflect:

As Christians we are people who have been forgiven by God in Christ, and so, we are people who forgive others. We are called to forgive everyone, and this starts with forgiving those closest to us, our family.

Take a moment to talk about what this passage (Matthew 18:21-35) means for your family.

Share one thing you can do differently as a member of your family based on Matthew 18:21-35.

Pray:

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The head of the household prays:

We thank you heavenly Father that you do not look upon our sins or deny our prayers because of them, but because of Your Son Jesus you have already forgiven all of our sins. We ask that you would build in our hearts a desire to forgive one another as you have forgiven us.

We pray together in the words of Your Son, Our Father.....Amen