

Everyday **FAITH** Family Page

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Law/Gospel

I sinfully seek revenge rather than repentance. **God promises forgiveness through His Word and empowers me to show love for and forgive those in my church family.**

Bible Words

There is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents. Luke 15:10

Prayer

Dear Jesus, our own sins and the sins of others hurt and divide us. Help us, Lord, to recognize our own sins and to ask for Your forgiveness. When others sin against us, help us to model Your love and patience as the Holy Spirit helps us to point out their sin. Give us the patience and willing hearts to love and forgive them as You have forgiven us. In Your name we pray. Amen.

Jesus Teaches about Forgiveness

Matthew 18:15–20

Jesus' disciples approach Him and ask who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Jesus points to children, with their pure faith and humility. Our Lord then warns against leading others into sinful behavior. He follows this with a parable emphasizing God's desire that none of His children should perish. In this context, Jesus presents today's passage. When a brother or sister sins, we address that sin privately, gently, and humbly. We involve others and impose discipline only as needed. Adding the final layer, Jesus teaches the parable of the unforgiving servant. In doing so, our Lord stresses the importance of recognizing one's own sin and the need to forgive others, always mindful of the great debt our Lord forgave us in Christ.

With the humility of a child and mindful of what God has done for us, we avoid leading others into sin and instead address the unrepentant brother or sister with a gentle spirit, always aiming to lead him or her to restoration.