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For The Love Of God: Being Wronged

Luke 17:1-5 - *One day Jesus said to his disciples, "There will always be temptations to sin, but what sorrow awaits the person who does the tempting!"² It would be better to be thrown into the sea with a millstone hung around your neck than to cause one of these little ones to fall into sin.³ So watch yourselves! "If another believer sins, rebuke that person; then if there is repentance, forgive.⁴ Even if that person wrongs you seven times a day and each time turns again and asks forgiveness, you must forgive."⁵ The apostles said to the Lord, "Show us how to increase our faith."*

- 1) Encourage Each Other.**
- 2) Forgive The Failures Of Other Believers.**

With The Purpose Of Restoring That Person To God.

Ephesians 4:15 - *...we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church.*

Speaking The Truth In Love Is The First Step To Solving Personal Differences.

Proverbs 10:12 - *Hatred stirs up quarrels, but love makes up for all offenses.*

Psalms 85:2 - *You forgave the guilt of your people—yes, you covered all their sins.*

Romans 4:7 - *Blessed are those whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.*

To "Cover" Sin Is To Forgive It, And Forgiveness Is Connected To Love.

1 Peter 4:8 - *...continue to show deep love for each other, for love covers a multitude of sins.*

Love Works As A Buffer, Smoothing Out The Clashes And Frustrations Caused By Fellow Believers.

John 13:34-35 - *So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other.³⁵ Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.*

1 Corinthians 13:5 - *...keeps no record of being wronged.*

It Does Not Gossip About Sin.

1 Corinthians 13:6 - *It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out.*

Proverbs 19:11 - *Sensible people control their temper; they earn respect by overlooking wrongs.*

When We Learn To Overlook Trivial Offenses And Forgive The Sin.