

WHEN FAMILIES BREAK

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1) We need to practice _____ regardless of the circumstances.

Matthew 5:43–45a (NLT) (43) "You have heard the law that says, 'Love your neighbor' and hate your enemy. (44) But I say, love your enemies! Pray for those who persecute you! (45) In that way, you will be acting as true children of your Father in heaven.

2) We need to practice _____ regardless of the circumstances.

Matthew 6:14–15 (NLT) (14) "If you forgive those who sin against you, your heavenly Father will forgive you. (15) But if you refuse to forgive others, your Father will not forgive your sins.

RELATIONSHIPS CAN NEVER BECOME FULLY HEALTHY WITHOUT BIBLICAL FORGIVENESS TAKING PLACE IN THE RELATIONSHIP WHEN WRONGS HAVE TAKEN PLACE.

3) We need to be careful we don't try to _____ or get caught up defending ourselves unnecessarily.

Romans 12:14–21 (NLT) (14) Bless those who persecute you. Don't curse them; pray that God will bless them. (15) Be happy with those who are happy, and weep with those who weep. (16) Live in harmony with each other. Don't be too proud to enjoy the company of ordinary people. And don't think you know it all! (17) Never pay back evil with more evil. Do things in such a way that everyone can see you are honorable. (18) Do all that you can to live in peace with everyone. (19) Dear friends, never take revenge. Leave that to the righteous anger of God. For the Scriptures say, "I will take revenge; I will pay them back," says the LORD. (20) Instead, "If your enemies are hungry, feed them. If they are thirsty, give them something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals of shame on their heads." (21) Don't let evil conquer you, but conquer evil by doing good.

PRAY FOR A THICK SKIN AND A SOFT HEART.

4) We need to _____ before we point out someone else's.

Matthew 7:1–5 (NLT) (1) "Do not judge others, and you will not be judged. (2) For you will be treated as you treat others. The standard you use in judging is the standard by which you will be judged. (3) "And why worry about a speck in your friend's eye when you have a log in your own? (4) How can you think of saying to your friend, 'Let me help you get rid of that speck in your eye,' when you can't see past the log in your own eye? (5) Hypocrite! First get rid of the log in your own eye; then you will see well enough to deal with the speck in your friend's eye.

WHEN YOU'RE IN CONFLICT, STOP TALKING TO EVERYONE — AND START TALKING TO GOD. BE STILL, AND LET HIM SPEAK TO YOU.

5) We should _____ to those who are acting sinfully and then allow the Holy Spirit to do the conviction.

YOU CANNOT HOLD AN UNBELIEVER TO A BIBLICAL STANDARD THEY HAVE NEVER AGREED TO LIVE BY.

Proverbs 15:1 (NLT) (1) A gentle answer deflects anger, but harsh words make tempers flare.

James 1:19–20 (NLT) (19) Understand this, my dear brothers and sisters: You must all be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry. (20) Human anger does not produce the righteousness God desires.

Galatians 6:1a (NLT) (1) Dear brothers and sisters, if another believer is overcome by some sin, you who are godly should gently and humbly help that person back onto the right path.

BE CAREFUL TO NOT BLOW UP THE RELATIONSHIP.

6) We should _____ about the situation.

James 1:2–5 (NLT) (2) Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles of any kind come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy. (3) For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. (4) So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing. (5) If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking.

>>> See Luke 15:11-32 for a good example.

7) _____ when you can't address it on your own.

8) _____ for His help and strength when things are broken in your home.

Matthew 11:28–29 (NLT) (28) Then Jesus said, "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. (29) Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

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