



**To get where we want to go,
we need to know where we're coming from.**

Deuteronomy 6:3-4

³Hear, Israel, and be careful to obey so that it may go well with you and that you may increase greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, just as the Lord, the God of your ancestors, promised you.

⁴Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.

**Living unfiltered takes courage
...to be honest about where we are and how we got here.**

²⁹In those days people will no longer say,
'The parents have eaten sour grapes,
and the children's teeth are set on edge.'

³⁰Instead, everyone will die for their own
sin; whoever eats sour grapes—their
own teeth will be set on edge.
(Jeremiah 31:29-30)

²⁹But Christ has indeed been raised from
the dead, the firstfruits of those who have
fallen asleep. For since death came through
a man, the resurrection of the dead also
comes through a man. For as in Adam all
die, so in Christ all will be made alive.
(1 Corinthians 15:20-22)

**Living unfiltered takes courage
...to choose a new path.**

Deuteronomy 6:5-7a

⁵Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. ⁶These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. ⁷Impress them on your children.

1 Corinthians 13:4-7

⁴Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. ⁵It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. ⁶Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. ⁷It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

How to receive forgiveness from God:

- 1) Admit you, like everyone else, need new LIFE in Jesus.
- 2) Ask God to forgive your sins by the sacrifice of Jesus.
- 3) Receive new LIFE from God by trusting in Jesus as your Savior & Lord.

You can do that now by simply talking to God in a prayer like this:

Dear Lord Jesus, I know I am a sinner, and I ask for Your forgiveness. I believe You died for my sins and rose from the dead. Today, I receive you as my Savior; and I put my faith in you as my LORD. Help me to live for you all the days of my life. In Your name, Amen.

If you chose to follow Jesus today, text "FAITH" to 309-250-2007 to receive additional information about next steps in following Jesus.

For Further Reflection:

:: What is something you celebrate about the family—immediate or extended—your come from?

:: Share a time you felt like the circumstances of your life were different than you had planned, even though you did "all of the right things?" How did you navigate that?

:: What are some of the things that keep us from being honest about "where we are and how we got here" in family & life? What are ways we can choose courage?

:: Read James 5:15-16; why do you think Scripture connects "healing" and "confession" in this way? What do you think this might mean for our families?

:: Who is someone you know that has chosen a new path? How has God proven himself faithful for them?

:: Pastor Jeremiah said love is a spiritual gift, and the one that is eternal. How are you processing this? How might this change the way we pursue love and choose to offer it to others?

:: What is one thing in your own family you're continuing to process out of this weekend's message? Identify someone to pray with and for you as you discern next steps in that arena.

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