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THE HEART OF RECONCILIATION

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But when you are praying, first forgive anyone you are holding a grudge against, so that your Father in heaven will forgive your sins, too.

[Mark 11:25]

STEPS TOWARD RECONCILIATION:

1. _____ invades us.

From that time on, Esau hated Jacob because their father had given Jacob the blessing. [Genesis 27:41a]

2. _____ consumes us.

And Esau began to scheme: "I will soon be mourning my father's death. Then I will kill my brother, Jacob." [Genesis 27:41b]

3. _____ separates us.

"So listen carefully, my son. Get ready and flee to my brother, Laban, in Haran." [Genesis 27:43]

4. _____ reminds us.

"I am the God who appeared to you at Bethel, the place where you anointed the pillar of stone and made your vow to me. Now get ready and leave this country and return to the land of your birth." [Genesis 31:13]

5. _____ controls us.

*Jacob was terrified at the news. He divided his household, along with the flocks and herds and camels, into two groups. He thought, "If Esau meets one group and attacks it, perhaps the other group can escape."
[Genesis 32:6-8]*

6. _____ convicts us.

*Then Jacob prayed...and wrestled with God until the dawn began to break.
[Genesis 32:9, 24]*

*Then if my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and restore their land.
[2 Chronicles 7:14]*

- a. Humble yourself before God.
- b. Ask God for His help.
- c. Seek God with all your heart.
- d. Repent and turn back to the Lord.

7. _____ frees us.

*Then Jacob went on ahead. As he approached his brother, he bowed to the ground seven times before him. Then Esau ran to meet him and embraced him, threw his arms around his neck, and kissed him. And they both wept.
[Genesis 33:3-4]*

8. _____ mends us.

Jacob said, "What a relief to see your friendly smile. It is like seeing the face of God!" [Genesis 33:10]

How to receive forgiveness from God:

1. Admit that you have sinned against God and others.
2. Believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and died for you on the cross.
3. Commit to following Jesus Christ all the days of your life!

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.

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