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Pray Like Jesus
Part 4: Forgive Us
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1. We all need a savior. When did this truth become a reality for you?
2. It is said that God hates sin so much because he loves us so much.
*Give examples of how this works in our lives.
*Have you ever thought of God as a “cosmic killjoy”?
3. Read John 19: 28-30. Think about the “It” in the last words Jesus spoke on the cross: “It is finished.” What do you think “It” stand for, and what might be other implications in these significant and moving three words?
4. Does the model prayer suggest we should ask forgiveness every time we pray? What is the value of that if we are already covered in the blood of Jesus? Should we bring up sins that have already been confessed? (There are some sins that are hard to get over.)
5. Shay said asking God to reveal our sin is a powerful proof for God. Have you ever experienced this? What is one of your most powerful proofs that God Is?
6. Read Isaiah 59: 1-2.
*How does sin separate you from intimacy with God?
*Have you ever had to make things right with God after accepting him as your Lord, Savior, and Father? What caused your conviction and repentance?
*Do you think it makes sense that mature believers live in continual repentance but also “camp out” in God’s lavish grace?
*Pray Psalm 139: 23-24.
7. Read I John 5:3. John says God’s “commands are not burdensome, for everyone born of God overcomes the world.”
*Do you recall a time when you thought a command of God was a burden?
*What are some reasons why his commands, in the end, really are not a burden?
8. Romans 5:5 reminds us that “God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us.”
*Shay gave the example of Corrie Ten Boom as an extraordinary example of forgiving. Such forgiveness is staggering. TNT Halftime Report showed a clip of Monty Williams, NBA coach, honoring his wife Ingrid this week at her memorial service. She was taken from him and their five children when a lady crossed a centerline and hit her head-on. He talked about Jesus and thanked people for all their prayers for his family but asked people

to pray for the family of the woman who hit his wife. He said you can't serve the Lord without a spirit of forgiveness. (His amazing testimony can be seen on YouTube.)

*When has the Holy Spirit and the love of God helped you extend forgiveness to another?