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THE SCANDAL OF UNFORGIVENESS

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2 Corinthians 2:7-11

⁷ Now instead, you ought to forgive and comfort him, so that he will not be overwhelmed by excessive sorrow. ⁸ I urge you, therefore, to reaffirm your love for him.

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⁹ Another reason I wrote you was to see if you would stand the test and be obedient in everything. ¹⁰ Anyone you forgive, I also forgive. And what I have forgiven—if there was anything to forgive—

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I have forgiven in the sight of Christ for your sake ¹¹ in order that Satan might not outwit us. For we are not unaware of his schemes.

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2. The gift of forgiveness is HUGE and we shortchange one another when this gift is not abundantly distributed.

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3. There resides within all of us the capacity to use unforgiveness as a tool of manipulation.

1 Corinthians 5 Excerpts

¹ It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and of a kind that even pagans do not tolerate: A man is sleeping with his father's wife. ² And you are proud! Shouldn't you rather have gone into mourning and have put

1 Corinthians 5 Excerpts

out of your fellowship the man who has been doing this? ... ⁵ hand this man over to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, so that his spirit may be saved on the day of the Lord.

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⁶ ... Don't you know that a little yeast leavens the whole batch of dough?

¹² What business is it of mine to judge those outside the church? Are you not to judge those inside?

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¹³ God will judge those outside. “Expel the wicked person from among you.”

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5. The most God-like thing you will ever do is to clearly and abundantly forgive.