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Paradox of Forgiveness – It Begins With an Apology

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Steve Largent's in the Hall of Fame, but this reconciliation stands taller. Watch how apology leads forgiveness.

Game Plan:

“And Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.” Luke 23:24, ESV

Time Out:

Holding on to unforgiveness and bitterness has been likened to “drinking poison and expecting the other person to die.”

Forgiveness happens in the heart, but reconciliation happens person-to-person.

Those conversations are hard. That's why Steve Largent's apology to his dad who'd left the family was so powerful. It broke the ice. It built a bridge. It softened his dad.

Go Deep:

Keep in mind that most people are doing about the best they can with the tools they have. Jesus knew that about those who killed Him. If you have maturity, and especially if you have accepted God's forgiveness, you can look at your own faults and not just your hurts. Then, you can begin reconciliation by apologizing for even the relatively small things on your part.

Who hurt you? Are you distanced or divided? Take an inventory and consider what you have done or have not done that deserves an apology. Start the reconciliation. There is power in our apologies and our forgiveness.

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