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THE FORGIVING FATHER

1 Thessalonians 2:7-12

*Happy
Father's
Day*

1 Thessalonians 2:7-12 (NIV)

⁷ Instead, we were like young children among you. Just as a nursing mother cares for her children, ⁸ so we cared for you. Because we loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well. ⁹ Surely you remember, brothers and sisters, our toil and hardship; we worked night and day in order not to be a burden to anyone while we preached the gospel of God to you. ¹⁰ You are witnesses, and so is God, of how holy, righteous and blameless we were among you who believed. ¹¹ For you know that we dealt with each of you as a father deals with his own children, ¹² encouraging, comforting and urging you to live lives worthy of God, who calls you into his kingdom and glory.

1. The role of forgiveness
in our lives as fathers,
parents and people

2. God as our forgiving
Father



A silhouette of a child holding an adult's hand against a starry night sky. The child is on the left, and the adult is on the right. The background is a dark blue night sky filled with stars, with a dark horizon line at the bottom.

Forgiving Father:

1. Forgiving your Father
2. Father who is Forgiving

Reasons to Forgive

1. He's human
2. You are too
3. Your father is the product of a fallen world and flawed parents
4. You will eventually want mercy too
5. Forgiveness opens the grace channel



A silhouette of a child and an adult holding hands against a starry night sky. The child is on the left, and the adult is on the right. The sky is a deep blue with many small white stars. The ground is dark and appears to be a field or a plain.

***Forgiveness starts
with a mental decision***

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***Forgiveness is not
based on others' actions
but on our attitude***

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***Forgiveness is a process,
not an event***

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***We have to forgive
every time***

The image features a dark, starry night sky as a background. In the lower right corner, the silhouettes of a child and an adult are visible, holding hands. The child is on the left, and the adult is on the right, partially cut off by the edge of the frame. The overall mood is serene and contemplative.

***Forgiveness is not letting
the offence recur again
and again***

The image features a dark, starry night sky as a background. In the lower right, the silhouettes of a child and an adult are shown holding hands, looking towards the horizon. The text is overlaid on the lower half of the image in a white, bold, italicized font.

***Forgiveness is returning
to God the right to take
care of justice***

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***Forgiveness is not letting
the offender off the hook***

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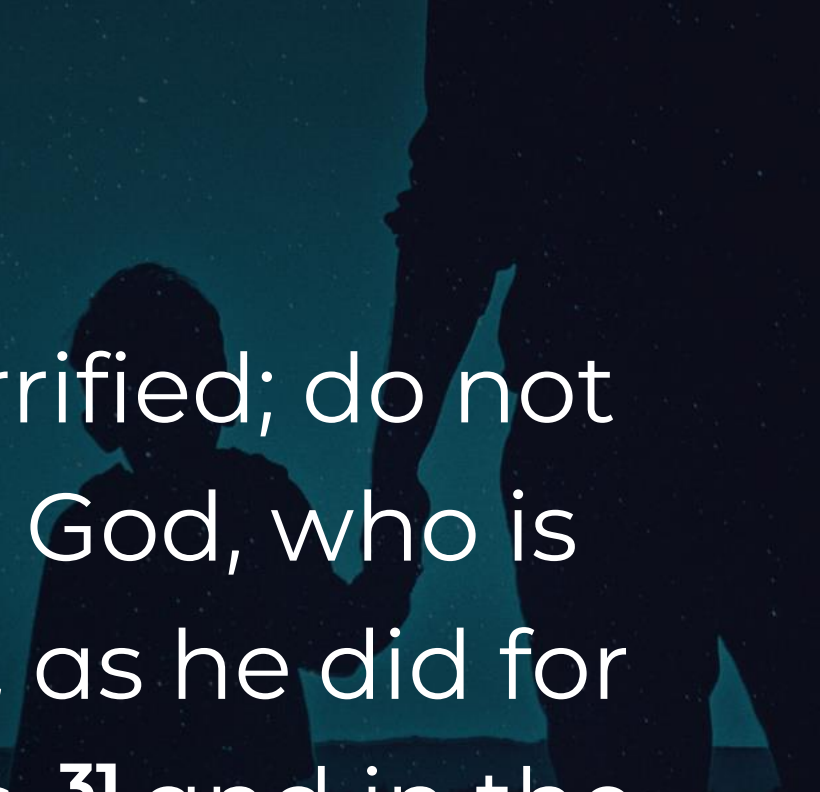
***Forgiveness is not the
same as reconciling***

A silhouette of a child and an adult holding hands, set against a dark blue, starry night sky. The child is on the left, and the adult is on the right. The scene is peaceful and evocative, suggesting themes of guidance, support, and connection.

***Forgiveness does not
mean forgetting***

Deuteronomy 1:29-31

²⁹ Then I said to you, "Do not be terrified; do not be afraid of them. ³⁰ The Lord your God, who is going before you, will fight for you, as he did for you in Egypt, before your very eyes, ³¹ and in the wilderness. There you saw how the Lord your God carried you, as a father carries his son, all the way you went until you reached this place."

The background of the slide features a dark teal to black gradient. On the right side, there are silhouettes of a man and a child holding hands, set against a lighter, hazy background that suggests a sunset or sunrise over a horizon.