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Laugh Learn and Grow with GOD

“FORGIVE WHO”
(Part II of forgiveness drama)
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CAST

Woman named Greta Grudge: (Karen)

Voice of God: (Joe)

Angel : (Lauren)

SETTING: Stage in the central meeting room

(A woman with a W.W.J.D T-shirt walks across stage with a ditty bag pinned to her back. The bag contains all different sized balls. She labors to make it across the room – she stops midway across the stage)

GRETA:

(Speaks to herself)

Wow, I feel so weighed down – it’s like I’m carrying around a lot of extra weight or something. What’s going on? (Shrugs her shoulders) Oh well, time for my evening prayers. (Greta reaches her destination and kneels)

Lord, I’ve been thinking about our last conversation. I did what You asked me to do. I reflected on my recent behavior and how I’ve sinned. Please forgive me for gossiping, especially that whole Ralph thing. I was wrong and I did apologize to him personally. I’m also sorry for my little supply closet raids – that was stealing. I replaced all those items. Please forgive me for these sins in Jesus’ name I pray.

GOD:

NO!

GRETA:

No? NO? What about Psalm 103 and my sins being removed “as far as the east is from the west?” And 1 John 1:9 where we confess our sins and we’re forgiven and purified? Am I missing something here?

GOD:

Yes you are missing something here. You’ve got those forgiveness verses down pat ... where I forgive you and all - but you’re totally ignoring what the Bible says about forgiving others. Remember the Lord’s Prayer? “Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.” Forgiving others is so important to Me that I mentioned it again at the end of that prayer.

¹⁴For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. ¹⁵But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.

GRETA:

I’m familiar with that passage Lord, but who says I don’t forgive people?

GOD:

I say you don’t. Earlier you mentioned that you felt weighed down and couldn’t understand why. The reason you’re weighed down is because you’re carrying around a lot of grudges. There are a lot of people in your life that you haven’t

forgiven and it's keeping you from doing the things that I want you to do.

GRETA:

Who am I upset with? Who haven't I forgiven?

(God snaps His fingers and an angel dressed in white comes on stage, walks over to Greta and begins to remove the balls from her pack. Greta is unaware that the angel is there, but she begins to recall grudges as the angel reveals each ball, one at a time)

(Angel holds up a ball that has "Thelma" written on it)

GRETA:

(Thelma comes to mind)

Thelma? Why, she is the most ungrateful person I've ever had the misfortune of knowing. I give and give and give and Thelma takes and takes and takes. Not so much as a thank you either. And if I ever need anything from her, she's either too busy or not interested in helping.

GOD:

Oooow, sounds like I hit a nerve. Have you tried talking to Thelma about this?

GRETA:

It wouldn't do any good, she's a taker through and through.

GOD:

GO TALK TO HER! This is eating you up inside and making you bitter. You haven't even asked for My help in all of this. Pray for her and your meeting and (softly spoken) I'll be with you.

(Angel removes the next ball and holds it up. It has the name "George" written on it)

GRETA:

George?

Why that little worm. When I shared my ideas about the Branson account with him, he said they were "tired." Then he goes and presents my idea to the boss and takes credit for it. And he calls himself a Christian. He later apologized and made sure that I got the credit, but I'm still really upset. You know?

GOD:

Yes, I know. I know all things remember? I know the number of hairs on your head and for that matter, your exact blood pressure at this very moment. Let it go. It's wasted energy and it's harming you both spiritually and physically.

Remember what Luke 17 says:

If your brother sins against you, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him.
⁴And if he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times in a day returns to you, saying, "I repent," you shall forgive him."

(Angel removes the next ball and holds it up. It has "Mother" written on it)

GRETA:

My mother? I loved my mother very much. There's no grudge or unforgiveness here. Besides, she's gone now. *(She begins to reflect as her expression changes from surprise to sadness)* Funny, no matter how hard I worked and how much I accomplished in life, it was never good enough for her. Whether it was high school, college, my career – even the man I chose to marry - not good enough. If she had only told me that she was proud of me ... just once!

GOD:

Did you know that you're treating your own daughter the same way that your mother treated you?

GRETA:

Sarah?

GOD:

Sarah. Her report card looked good to me. I'm proud of her. You ignored the five A's and got hung up on the one B. And do you know what? She worked real hard for that B. *(Pause)* Greta, ... this "never good enough" cycle is repeating itself. Break it or this sin will be passed on to the next generation. You've been liberated by My Son's blood. Forgive your mother –even though she's gone - and then go tell Sarah that you're proud of her.

GRETA:

(Sobbing, Greta nods her head)
Okay Father, Your will be done.

GOD:

And Greta ...

GRETA:

Yes?

GOD:

You're forgiven.

(At that moment the angel tenderly removes the pack from Greta's back and carries it away)

GRETA:

Thank You, Lord.

THE END