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Weird Families Work When Grudges Go Away

(How to give and receive forgiveness from those closest to you)

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"Esau held a grudge against Jacob because of the blessing his father had given him. He said to himself, 'The days of mourning for my father are near; then I will kill my brother Jacob.' When Rebekah was told what her older son Esau had said, she sent for her younger son Jacob and said to him, '***Your brother Esau is consoling himself with the thought of killing you.***'" (Gen 27:41-42)

How Grudges Get Started

When **values** aren't **validated**.

When **trust** is **trampled**.

When communication **breaks down**.

When Wounded By Friendly Fire

You can **retreat from it**. (*Lose-Win*)

You can **resist it**. (*Lose-Lose*)

You can **retaliate**. (*Win-Lose*)

"Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everybody. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. Do not take revenge, my friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: 'It is mine to avenge; I will repay,' says the Lord. On the contrary: 'If your

enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head.' **Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.**"
(Rom 12:17-21)

You can **respond to it**. (*W.W.O.N.D.A.*)

Grudges go away when . . .

Someone is willing to bear the offense.

"But we see Jesus, . . . now crowned with glory and honor because he suffered death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. In bringing many sons to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the author of their salvation **perfect through suffering.**"
(Heb 2:9-10)

Someone is willing to identify with the offender.

"Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors."
(Mat 6:12)

Someone is willing to go for the goal.

Weird Families Work When . . .

1. There is No "**them**"
2. Love is I.o.u.d.
3. Promises are kept
4. Closets have no doors
5. W.W.O.N.D.A reigns
6. Grudges go away
7. Memories are made

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