

# RELATIONSHIPS

**Series: "Relationships"**  
**Message: "Family Feud"**  
**Text: Matthew 18:15-35**  
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## Why We Deal With It, Or Drop It...

1. Because Dad Said So
2. It's Hurting Us More Than Them
3. Forgiveness Doesn't Mean Forgetting
4. It Makes Our Relationship With Dad Better

## How To Deal With It...

1. It Starts With a Look in the Mirror

*"Judge not, that you be not judged. For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and with the measure you use it will be measured to you. Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when there is the log in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye."*  
Matthew 7:1-5, ESV

*"I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect."*  
Romans 12:1-2, ESV

2. Focus on What God Has Done For Us, Not To Us

*"Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you."*  
Ephesians 4:32, ESV

*"Bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive."*  
Colossians 3:13, ESV

**3. Give Mercy, Not Justice; Let God Be God**

*"Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.'"* Romans 12:19, ESV

*"Do not say, 'I will repay evil'; wait for the Lord, and he will deliver you."*  
Proverbs 20:22, ESV

**4. When You Just Can't Win, Walk Away**

*"If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all."*  
Romans 12:18, ESV

**5. Forgive Like Your Life Depended On It**

*"And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors...for if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses."*  
Matthew 6:8 14-15, ESV