

Caleb's Apology

Clip No. 6 ... Study by Michael Catt CATHOLIC STUDY GUIDE





THE BURNING QUESTION: Is unforgiveness hindering your relationship with God ... or someone else?

SCENE SET-UP: Now up to Day 43 of "The Love Dare" (as he continues on past the "required" 40

days), Caleb Holt tries to take care of his wife Catherine while she is sick. They talk about "The Love Dare," he tells her about his new relationship with Christ,

and he seeks her forgiveness

SCENE SELECTION Scene 19 (The Apology)

TOPICS DISCUSSED: Forgiveness. Reconciliation. Humility. Bitterness. Brokenness. Service.

BACKGROUND INFO: Caleb Holt has accepted a challenge from his father to pursue his wife Catherine,

and win back her heart. Caleb has found unconditional love in Christ and is now trying to love his wife in the same way. He realizes that he must now ask for her

forgiveness and seek reconciliation in their broken marriage.

KEY STUDY SCRIPTURES: Matthew 6:12-15; Matthew 18:21-35; Mark 11:25-26; 2 Corinthians 5:18

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. How has God shown forgiveness to you?
- 2. Describe a time when you received undeserved forgiveness from someone close to you.
- 3. Why is forgiveness so important in a marriage relationship?
- 4. What are the dangers involved in not resolving an area of unforgiveness in a relationship?
- 5. Is there an area of unforgiveness in your life? How do you plan to deal with it?

"When you stand to pray, forgive anyone against whom you have a grievance, so that your heavenly Father may in turn forgive you your transgressions."

Mark 11:25-26 (NAB)

ANSWERING THE BURNING QUESTION: Is there an area of unforgiveness that's hindering your relationship with God or someone else? The extent of our power in prayer and our ability to walk by faith are in direct proportion to our being right with other people. We may come to Christ and receive His forgiveness, but we can stall out our Christian walk if we fail to seek forgiveness from others. Anything that is an issue between you and another is ultimately an issue between you and God. Seeking forgiveness, especially from your spouse, requires the right approach—"speak the truth in love" (see Ephesians 4:15). It also requires the right attitude. You must come humbly, without flaunting your sin or pointing blame at the other person. God will honor the steps you take toward forgiveness. We are the recipients of an untold measure of forgiveness from the Lord. We should, in turn, quickly extend forgiveness to one another and humbly request forgiveness when we've been wrong.



