

DEALING WITH DISAPPOINTMENT

Have you been disappointed by someone recently?

“Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.” Ephesians 4:2

Be humble, be patient, and bear with one another in love.

The beginning of reconciliation is forgiveness.

*“Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other,
just as in Christ God forgave you.”* Ephesians 4:32

The Forgiving Father & The Bitter Brother

Luke 15:1-2, 11-30

Who has disappointed you to the point of cutting off the relationship?

The disappointment was great, but God's grace is even greater.

Our posture towards those who have disappointed us should be:

Wanting their return.

Waiting and watching.

Welcoming them back as one who was dead and is now alive.

The **Bitter Brother's** posture in his disappointment was:

Disgust

Distance

Disillusionment

Discussion Questions:

How can you bear with some else's idiosyncrasies?

How have you dealt with your disappointment in others like the bitter brother?

How can you deal with any present disappointment like the forgiving father?