



Lessons for Life

Jesus The Great Risk Taker

The Life of Jesus – 4

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1. JESUS RISKED REJECTION FOR THE REWARD OF

RELATIONSHIP

"Before anything else existed, there was Christ, with God. He has always been alive and is himself God. He created everything there is - nothing exists that he didn't make." John 1:1-3 (LB)

- *So Many "Hands" Reach Out For Our Attention*

SUCCESS

POSSESSIONS

PLEASURE

RELIGION

"And Christ became a human being and lived here on earth among us and was full of loving forgiveness and truth." John 1:14 (LB)

2. WE RISK FORGIVENESS FOR THE REWARD OF

FREEDOM

- Forgiveness Is Not ...

Ignoring the TRUTH

Minimizing the OFFENSE

Resuming the relationship with no CHANGES

"Then Peter came to him and asked, 'Lord, how often should I forgive someone who sins against me? Seven times?' 'No!' Jesus replied, 'seventy times seven!'" Matthew 18:21-22 (NLT)

- **Forgiveness Is ...**

The gift that HEALS the giver

A choice that CHANGES things

"...do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you."
Luke 6:27-28 (NIV)

The true PORTRAIT of Jesus

"...Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others." Colossians 3:13 (NLT)
