

I am Robin Marie and this is a podcast for those who do things differently.

I remember the day I set off the alarm at work. It was my first day on the job. I decided I would own it right away. I walked straight over to the security guy and said, "It was ME". This gruff guy who I fully expected to get chewed out by, laughed and said. "We've all set it off one time or another." Then with a wink, turned off the annoying sound, and I never heard another word about it. It was as if I hadn't made the mistake at all.

In today's episode I share how love covers our mistakes.

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Driving down the street that I had driven down a million times in the past, the tears started pouring out faster than the rain had just minutes before. My heart was beating so hard I thought it would pound out of my chest.

Like a punch to the stomach the pain wouldn't go away.
My self esteem had been torn down by empty hurtful words.

It's hard when someone you love wounds you.

I'd like to say I respond graciously all the time but if I'm honest I usually want payback.
I want to expose their weakness. I want to shine a light on their failures.

But true love is different, it covers, it forgives. It returns good for evil.

I'm reminded of the story of Noah and his sons.

The Bible says in Genesis 9:20-27

Noah planted a vineyard. When he drank a little too much wine he got drunk and lay uncovered inside his tent.

His youngest son saw his father naked and told his two brothers. But his two brothers did something different.

They took a garment and laid it across their shoulders; then walked backward and covered their fathers naked body.

The Bible says their faces were turned the other way so they did not see their father's nakedness.

When Noah woke up and found out what his youngest son had done he cursed him. But Noah blessed his other sons for what they had done. They covered his shame

Does this mean that we make excuses for people?

NO

We give grace just like Jesus has given us. He covered our sin and shame when died on the cross for us. He made the ultimate sacrifice.

It's a different way of thinking.

This world wants retribution! It tells you do this, look at that, try this but when you are laying naked in your shame, the world we live in exposes you.

They abandon you.

I've made lots of mistakes in my 60 years of life. Some small and some so big nothing could cover them up.

I'm thankful for the people in my life who have overlooked my mess ups and have chosen to love me in spite of them.

Here's the big difference.

These same people have also asked me hard questions when they have seen me falling back into my old ways.

I'm thankful that God loves me even more than that. He loves me enough to accept me as I am, but I'm grateful He loves me too much to leave me that way.

I don't know about you but I want to be different.

The world longs to see "Jesus with skin on".

Let's make the brave choice to cover instead of expose. To love instead of hate.

Let's choose to chase something different.

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Let's get the word out that being part of God's family doesn't mean we have to look and act the same, after all in the words of Oliver James;

"Why are you trying so hard to fit in when you were born to stand out?"

See you next time