

Mending Relational Messes

Final part of the series, "Broken to Blessed: Hope and Healing For Your Soul"

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Proverbs 14:4 NLT

Forgiveness is immediate and unconditional.

"Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others." (Colossians 3:13 NLT)

- Forgiven people forgive people.

Reconciliation is conditional to repentance.

*"I am not sorry that I sent that severe letter to you, though I was sorry at first, for I know it was painful to you for a little while. ⁹Now I am glad I sent it, not because it hurt you, but because the pain caused you to repent and change your ways. It was the kind of sorrow God wants his people to have, so you were not harmed by us in any way. ¹⁰For the kind of sorrow God wants us to experience leads us away from sin and results in salvation. There's no regret for that kind of sorrow. But worldly sorrow, which lacks repentance, results in spiritual death."
(2 Corinthians 7:8-10 NIV)*

- Repentance is seen in both words and ways.

"Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone." (Romans 12:17-18 NIV)

- Forgiveness depends on ME, reconciliation depends on WE.

Trust is conditional to change.

"A good tree produces good fruit, and a bad tree produces bad fruit. ¹⁸A good tree can't produce bad fruit, and a bad tree can't produce good fruit... ²⁰Yes, just as you can identify a tree by its fruit, so you can identify people by their actions." (Matthew 7:17-18, 20 NLT)

*"Prove by the way you live that you have repented of your sins and turned to God."
(Matthew 3:8 NLT)*

- Trust is rebuilt over time and requires a track record.

All reconciliation begins first with God.

"And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to himself through Christ. And God has given us this task of reconciling people to him. ¹⁹For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation. ²⁰So we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, 'Come back to God!'" (2 Corinthians 5:18-20 NLT)