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Reaching Up And Reaching Out

Forgiveness Brings HEALING...

Part 3 Judgment

Moving Forward To Wholeness

MATURITY IS A PROCESS

- Saved
- Healed
- Set Free
- Disciplined
- Equipped
- Released

Isaiah 55 : 8 - 9

- ⁸ “My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts” says the Lord. “And My ways are far beyond anything you could imagine.
- ⁹ For just as the Heavens are higher than the earth, so My ways are higher than your ways and my thoughts higher than your thoughts”.

Forgiveness Brings Healing...

God's ways may not seem logical or make sense to us.

Faith requires TRUST in God!

Forgiveness requires TRUSTING God!

Forgiveness Brings Healing...

Forgiveness is an expression of love and mercy from God and I *CHOOSE to participate in that process by* Receiving His forgiveness *and* then Giving forgiveness to others!

When an Offense Happens...



Offender
or Sinner



Offense or Sin



PAIN & FEAR



ANGER

Forgiveness Brings Healing...

Our BEHAVIOR changes people.

Not our Emotional outbursts.

If you attempt to use emotions to change people, it's called MANIPULATION!

Forgiveness Brings Healing...

Forgiveness says:

For the rest of my life, I will live with the consequences of their sin and ***NEVER*** lay it to their charge again.

Matthew 27 : 32 - 34

- 32 Along the way, they came across a man named Simon, who was from Cyrene, and the soldiers forced him to carry Jesus' cross.
- 33 And they went out to a place called Golgotha (which means the place of the skull).
- 34 The soldiers gave Him wine mixed with bitter gall, but when He had tasted it, He refused to drink it.

Forgiveness Brings Healing...

1. Bitterness and Resentment keep us in BONDAGE...
2. Forgiveness is the only way we can be set Free!
3. Judgment, the other side of the Trap.

Matthew 7 : 1 – 2

- 1 “Do not judge others, and you will not be judged.
- 2 For you will be treated as you treat others. The standard you use in judging is the standard by which you will be judged.”

Revelation 12 : 10

10 Then I heard a loud voice shouting across the Heavens, “It has come at last-salvation and power and the Kingdom of God, and the authority of his Christ.

For the accuser of our brothers and sisters has been thrown down to earth-the one who accuses them before our God day and night.”

Forgiveness Brings Healing...

**Judgment begins when we
harden our heart, based on what
WE see in someone else.**

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Every one of us have a tendency to be judgmental, to make ourselves look better than someone else.... or to elevate one person over another.....

But God loves ALL of us!!!

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The standard you use in **limiting others** is the standard by which you will be **limited**.

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Another item to add to
FORGIVENESS and *freedom* from
JUDGMENT is..... **EXPECTANCY.**

1st John 1 : 8 - 9

- 8 If we claim we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves and not living in the truth.
- 9 But if we confess our sins to Him, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness. (unrighteousness)

Prayer For Forgiveness of Others Who have Hurt me...

**Lord, I choose to forgive _____
for _____. The things they did
made me feel _____. Please
take these things from me now
and help me to see that you placed
all of them on Jesus at the cross.**

Prayer For My Judgment of Others...

**Lord, please forgive me for judging
_____ in my heart.**

I have judged them to be _____.

**I now ask that You cleanse me of
that judgment.**

Galatians 2 : 20

My old self has been crucified with Christ.

It is no longer I who live, but Christ in me. So I live in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

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