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Dealing With Unforgiveness

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Unforgiveness is a giant that raises its ugly head from time to time to challenge us or engage us in warfare or the battlefield of our mind or our flesh. When we talk about unforgiveness it usually involves a person who has done something so wrong to us that we cannot release them and let them go. However, this is what the Word teaches us to do. A person who cannot forgive usually is unable to love. People who have been hurt have put an invisible shield in which to protect themselves from future hurts. But in order to completely forgive, the shield must come down in order for us to forgive. But we must learn to forgive ourselves first. Forgiveness is not something that is optional in the kingdom of God, it is a requirement that the Lord requires of us.

Eph 4:2 "Living as becomes you] with complete lowliness of mind (humility) and meekness (unselfishness, gentleness, mildness), with patience, bearing with one another *and* making allowances because you love one another." AMP

Rom 5:5,8 "And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us. 8 But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." KJV

We have God's love in us, it is a learned love and we received it when we were born again. God's love always makes allowances. God's love doesn't demand rights.

We must make allowances for people, because we don't always know if they are hurting or not, but by making the allowance for them we can convey love to them and the healing of relationships. Healing sometimes takes time, but we must be patient.

In Matthew chapter 18 an example is given of a man whose servant owed him an enormous amount of money the total being quite large, the servant begged him to forgive the debt and the man felt compassion on the servant granted his request. Upon receiving the debt cancellation the servant went out and demanded that another man who owed him a very small sum pay or else he would send he and his family to prison. He was not willing to forgive the small amount due. When the servant's master heard what he had demanded and his lack of compassion, he ordered the servant to be imprisoned. He was turned over to the tormentors and told that he owed forgiveness. If we are forgiven we owe forgiveness.

Forgiveness releases God power and ability to flow through us. It releases kingdom life. If unforgiveness is turned into bitterness and anger, people sometimes are not aware that unforgiveness is operating in their lives. Unforgiveness is a blessing blocker. Bitterness stops life and everything stands still.

Unforgiveness must be dealt with, anyone wanting to be used of God, must learn how to forgive. God has great plans for each of us, we are meant to be a blessing to others, and we cannot let fear of being hurt pull us down. Forgiveness brings blessings from God. We must bestow forgiveness to others.

Many examples were shared regarding forgiving and how God blessed each of those involved.

In Acts 27 when there seemed to be no hope, God who had a plan and purpose for Paul who was headed to Rome, but had become involved in a storm and it appeared that all was lost, God showed up in order for that plan to be fulfilled.

The following scripture in Genesis brings hope to the believer. It is the story of Jacob and Esau and the plan that God had for Jacob's life. When Jacob had left home, he had nothing, but upon returning home he had gained much and was very wealthy, God had blessed him. God's plan was that he would have blessings to pass on to his seed. Jacob and Esau had to learn how to forgive because of their past lives.

Gen 28:12-17 "And he dreamed, and behold a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven: and behold the angels of God ascending and descending on it. 13 And, behold, the Lord stood above it, and said, I am the Lord God of Abraham thy father, and the God of Isaac: the land whereon thou liest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed; 14 And thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and thou shalt spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south: and in thee and in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed. 15 And, behold, I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest, and will bring thee again into this land; for I will not leave thee, until I have done that which I have spoken to thee of. 16 And Jacob awaked out of his sleep, and he said, Surely the Lord is in this place; and I knew it not. 17 And he was afraid, and said, How dreadful is this place! this is none other but the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven." KJV

The angels were sent to bless him. They are sent to bless all believers. Our words enable them to work for us. When we find out what God's plan for us is, it starts opening doorways to heaven which comes from a renewed mind.

Heb 1:14 "Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?" KJV

Joseph had many that he had to forgive, those who had tried to destroy his life, but God had a plan and purpose for him to fulfill.

Gen 41:51-52 "And Joseph called the name of the firstborn Manasseh: For God, said he, hath made me forget all my toil, and all my father's house. 52 And the name of the second called he Ephraim: For God hath caused me to be fruitful in the land of my affliction." KJV

Gen 41:51-52 "Joseph had two sons born to him before the years of famine came. Asenath, daughter of Potiphara the priest of On, was their mother. Joseph named the firstborn Manasseh (Forget), saying, "God made me forget all my hardships and my parental home." He named his second son Ephraim (Double Prosperity), saying, "God has prospered me in the land of my sorrow." MESSAGE

Making things right with people brings blessings and healings, spiritual and physical.

Unforgiveness is like a cancer, it is malignant and it will destroy spiritually, unforgiveness is a poison which will destroy. Unforgiveness is a blessing blocker.

How do we forgive? Getting into the presence of God is one of the best ways, cutting ourselves off from all distractions and focusing on Him.