No Future without Forgiveness

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Genesis 50:15-21

How do we BOLDLY respond to those that have hurt us?

The only path to follow is forgiveness, because there is no future without Forgiveness. Desmond Tutu

What do we do with those that have hurt us in the past or present?

There are only 3 pathes you can follow either the road of attack, escape or make Peace.

1. Attack- Physical attack, verbal attack fight and murder.
2. Escape- silence, denial , Suicide.
3. Peacemaking- Reconciliation, Negotiation

Definition of Forgiveness

"Forgiveness is me boldy giving up my right to hurt you for hurting me."

Scripture Reading:

Genesis 50:15-21

Back ground life of Joseph

- Joseph had things going very well in his life at first.

- *Can you imagine how it must have felt to know your brothers hated you so much that they would sell you out of their lives as a slave?*

- God had His hand on Joseph. God had a divine purpose for him. God was always in control.

Joseph and Jesus…*very similar*

- Both are first-born ,and were given a name meaning Savior.
- Both are the most loved of their fathers and had jealous brothers .
- Both were sent by their father. Joseph to his brothers, Jesus to Israel.
- Both went to Egypt forcedly at an early age.
- Joseph's brothers did not recognize him. Jesus' own people didn't either.
- Both treated as slaves…Joseph sold as a slave to Egypt. Jesus was betrayed for the price of a slave.
- Both were falsely accused and sentenced to death by their own, brothers and Jews.
- All knees bowed to Joseph. All knees will bow to Jesus.
- While only Jesus was truly sinless, Joseph sin is not mentioned in the bible.

The Brother' Guilt- Vs 15-18

- It is one thing to be forgiven and another to forgive yourself.

- We tend to judge others in light of our own character.
  - *When one is a liar, he will think everyone around him is a liar and cannot be trusted. When one is jealous they will think everyone around them is jealous.*

Joseph' Gift - Vs 19-21

- His reply helps really understand God's Character. If God is love, how come bad things happen to good people? God is in full control.

- How do you know that you have truly forgiven?

  – *You will know that you have forgiven a person that has hurt you if you recall what they did to you and you feel the power to wish them well.*

Lewis B. Smedes

THE 4 G'S OF FORGIVENESS

Application

1st G: Glorify God

- How can I please God in this situation?
- "How can I please and honor the Lord in this situation?"

2nd G: Get the log out of your own eye

- How have I contributed to this Conflict.

- Through a critical, negative, or overly sensitive attitude or sinful words and actions.

Even if I am only 2 % responsible for a conflict, I am 100% responsible for that 2 %.

Ken Sande

3rd G: Gently restore

How do I help the other person see their wrong?

Go in Private, Go with Others, Go to the Church. How do I help the other person see their wrong?

4th G: Go and be reconciled

Even though Christians have experienced the greatest forgiveness in the world, we often fail to show that forgiveness to others.

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- Question is how do I restore others.

Conclusion

Prone to wander, Lord I feel it,

Prone to leave the God I love;

Here's my heart, O take and seal it,

Seal it for Thy courts above.

Robert Robinson

When you forgive, you in no way change the past but you BOLDLY change the future.