

## **Day 20**

Philippians 2.1-2

1 Corinthians 1.10

Matthew 5.23-24

Matthew 7.5

### **Day 20- Restoring Broken Fellowship**

Relationships are important. Since it takes so long to build relationships, we are told to make sure we work at repairing them if they get broken. God knows that if we get in an argument, it is hard to make peace with the person, but we are supposed to work at it. We also need to work at not getting into arguments in the first place.

Here are some tips for helping restore broken relationships.

*Pray first.* When we talk to others about broken relationships, we tend to gossip. When we talk to God and ask his help, we work toward fixing the relationship.

*Go first.* It doesn't matter if you did it or they did it to you, we need to be the first one working toward getting it made right.

*Think about them.* Try to see it from their point of view. Arguments take two people, and you may both be right and wrong about some things.

*Admit you did it too.* Don't wait to see what they do, if you were in the wrong, even a little, admit what you did wrong.

Go after the problem. Don't bring up the past. Don't bring up new things. Don't insult the person. Just try to fix the real problem that got you here.

*Cooperate.* Don't try to fix unimportant things. Worry about the big stuff, and just try to get along when you don't see eye to eye.

Try to get back together, not get even. Marriages, friendships, even churches tend to split over little things. Work on living in peace, not trying to find out where someone is wrong and making that an issue. If they are wrong, try to work on that peaceably. Don't say, "I told you so" if they ever learn that they are wrong.

### **Thinking about my purpose:**

**Know.** Relationships are worth restoring.

**Remember.** "Do everything possible on your part to live in peace with everybody." - Romans 12.18 (TEV)

**Think about it.** What relationship in my life is broken, and what do I need to do to get it right TODAY?