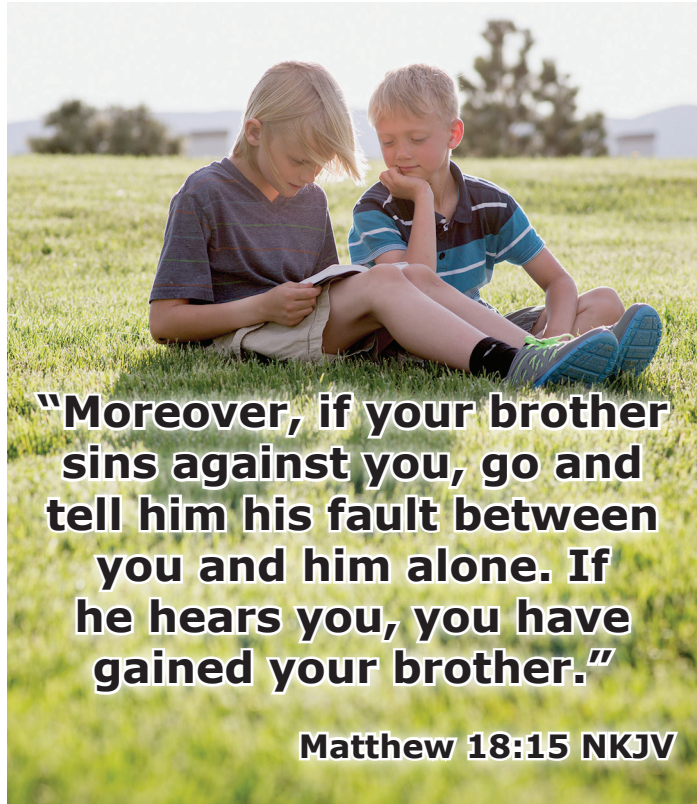


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Matthew 18:15 NKJV

Dear Partner and Friends,

Happy New Year! We are presently overseas ministering in Scotland, Ireland, England and eventually Hungary in Healing is Here conferences, churches and Bible colleges along with a lot of personal ministry.

It is such a blessing for us when we go to minister and see people of all ages and nationalities experience the presence of God, His love and faithfulness in each of their lives.

We have been in England, Ireland, Scotland and Europe many times and have many friends there. Now we will be going into Hungary for the first time. We are excited to be able to share the love of God with them too!

For those who would like to help us with the expenses of maintaining our office and

with the trip you can give through the mail at CLPMI P.O. Box 50555 Colorado Springs, CO 80949-0555 or through our web site at clpmi.org to general ministry or by phone at 719-243-4100. Thank You!

Issues of the Heart **New Book and Devotional**

Real forgiveness benefits us

Forgiveness doesn't exonerate people from what they've done. No, forgiveness is for us. When we release offenders from our judgment of what they've done, we will be the ones who benefit. When we release them from the offense, we hold against them, it will bring peace to our heart. When we let go of all we believe about why they did what they did, and instead take hold of God's perspective, we allow love to cover a multitude of sins. Proverbs tells us, "He who covers an offense promotes love; but he who repeats a matter separates best friends." (Proverbs 17:9)

Allowing love to cover the offense is the law of love. In other words, this is the love of the New Covenant; God's love towards us. This is God's love in the hearts of believers, and how He instructs us to relate to each other with His love.

You see, God's kind of love covers, but human judgment always wants to expose. When we feel offended by the wrong that people do and hold on to that grudge because we believe the person has deliberately set out to hurt us, then our assumptions are

controlling our emotions and our responses. When that happens, we believe they need to be corrected. We believe they need to be judged. We reckon they need to be punished, especially if their actions have had a severe impact on us. But the reality is this: love just covers transgressions.

Love doesn't gossip

When a person wants to talk about an offense to others, it reveals the heart of the person doing the communication. You see, "He who repeats a matter separates friends." One translation even says, "intimate friends", (Proverbs 17:9 AMP), - in other words, people who are very close to one another.

When you are offended over what someone else has said or done, whatever the motives or intent, let me ask you: have you gone to that person?

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No dumping

I remember a situation in which one person shared an offense to another about a leader. The one sharing the offense just went on and on and on! The other person suddenly stopped the talk, and said, "Look, have you gone and spoken to your leader?"

And the response was, "Well, no."

"So why are you coming to me? I'm not a garbage can!"

The point the person was trying to get across was this: "You're dumping this on me! You're giving me one perspective of this one situation and you've got an intent to influence my heart. You want me to form

an opinion within my heart and take the same offense you have. You want me to feel the same emotions you feel. You want me to come to the point that I agree with you that your leader is wrong! You want me to get involved and right the wrong!"

This is how dissension and division come in the Body of Christ. It comes from people who want to repeat a matter, and separate friends. That's what they are doing, whether that's the motive of their heart or not.

They want to influence another person's heart. Instead of resolving the issue in love, and allowing love to cover a multitude of sins, they share the offense with someone else. Instead, they should resolve the issue within their own heart, and then go to the person to talk in love.

This is not to deny an offense has happened, it's just that they are relating to it incorrectly. Love covers a multitude of sins, and this is one of the strengths of the Body of Christ. When we relate differently than others outside the Body of Christ, we relate from God's perspective.

There is a place of freedom where we take heed to ourselves, when we guard and protect our heart for the quality of life we live.

The value of forgiveness

Forgiveness really benefits us; it brings us into a place of freedom. Forgiveness is our willingness to release a person from their transgression, and the beliefs we have formed about them.

If, for example, we believe that a person needs to change, for "my little world to be perfect," then there's a problem. When we think like that, we are not walking in the ways of life in Christ. Instead, we are walking in a human judgment; a human perspective. We are wanting to punish someone. We are wanting to change someone so that we can

have peace. But the truth is this: that's just our flesh! It's a human kind of judgment! Even if we were to correct someone, and put that person down, that might feed our flesh, but that's not God's character; that's not love. When we relate to somebody in that way, nobody is going to see an image of Christ in us; instead all they'll see is the flesh! As such, we are just like any other human controlling someone else for our own benefit, and that doesn't communicate godliness. It doesn't make that person come back and want to be like us. In fact, that person may not want to come back and relate to us at all. Our words could create an offense. It could make that person hold onto a grudge. It could be a bad influence if we don't relate correctly.

As we relate to each other in the Body of Christ, it's very important to realize that we're not supposed to fix everybody else, but we can change ourselves. We can relate differently. We can guard our hearts. We can take heed to ourselves when things happen and realize that the first thing we need to say is, "I need to protect my heart. I need to get my eyes off those who have offended me. I don't need to put my focus on them and consume my heart with what they've done. No, the first thing I need to do is to release them from my judgment and stay free of this situation."

Remember, a judgment is when we go beyond the facts of a situation, into the realm of the imagination of our hearts. When we go beyond what was actually said, or done, we enter the area of speculation and form a judgment in our heart.

A judgment is what binds us to life's problems. We want to be free, but the judgments we make cause us to hold on to an issue. When we go beyond the facts of what happened in a situation, we find ourselves beginning to answer the question, "Why did this happen?" This really shows that we have moved into the realm of speculation and the imagination of our hearts. It's then

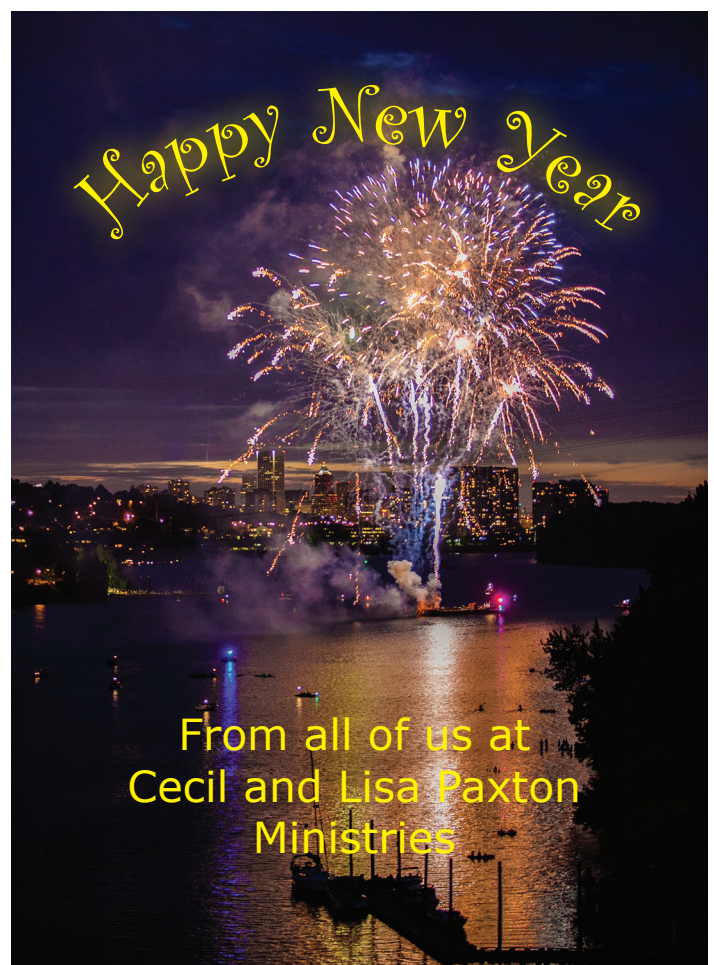
we get into trouble.

With our thoughts we begin to think and dwell on a certain situation, and as we do we establish deep judgments within our heart.

Lisa and I, are very grateful to you our friends and partners of this ministry as together we are seeing lives changed. We believe that our partners are greatly prospering spirit, soul, and body as you experience increase in the seed you have sown multiplying and increase in the fruits of your righteousness. God's richest blessings in Christ are already yours. Believe and establish this truth in your heart and have an open heart to receive all that God has given you in Christ Jesus.

Blessings in Christ,

Cecil + Lisa



Testimonies

A woman who had big lump on the back of her neck limiting her neck movement and causing her to bend slightly forward. I put my hand on the area rebuking it and the lump immediately disappeared and she was free to move her neck without any difficulty.

A lady shared how the last time I prayed for her legs were very thin and now have full thickness of muscles. This time I prayed for her she was paralyzed and after prayer she had freedom of movement where she was able to do things she previously could not.

One of our partners told me my book on *How to Receive Healing from God* is the best book he has ever read on healing. He went on to say that it's so much more in depth than any other book he ever read. He said "thank you so much for the book, I have learned so much about receiving healing."

Teaching Products

Issues of the Heart Book

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The issues of our heart that are formed from judgments is what allows our problems to have power over us. A judgment is when we go beyond the facts of the problem. In the imagination of our heart, we begin to establish deep beliefs contrary to the truth of God's Word, but are truth to us. Unbelief is always about us and the relationship we establish with life's problems. Jesus said to "take no thought" as taking thought is part of the process of empowering life's problems.

It was from living in freedom as a way of life that Jesus set us free. I believe this teaching will help people with deep hurts within their heart be made whole. People who it seems have problems that have power over them can live free and learn a new way of relating to life in Christ that will enable them to walk in freedom. Once you experience this, I believe you will never want to go back, as you will love the ways of life in Christ!



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