

## Level Five Relationships Part III; April 22, 2018

### “The Amazing Power of Making Amends”

#### Why is making amends so important?

There will always be hurt in every relationship.  
It keeps the foundation of trust intact.  
It keeps us humble and reminds us we're human.  
It teaches us to put a high value on people.  
It helps keep our relationship with God strong.

“So if you are presenting a sacrifice at the altar in the Temple and you suddenly remember that someone has something against you, leave your sacrifice there at the altar. Go and be reconciled to that person. Then come and offer your sacrifice to God.”

– Matthew 5:23-24 (NLT)

#### Making amends is important even if the hurt you caused wasn't intentional!

People need their hearts to be healed,  
regardless of HOW or WHY they were broken!

You may not KNOW you hurt them.  
You may not know WHY it hurt them.  
You may not know how BAD it hurt them.

#### Take full responsibility for YOU without bringing up THEIR issues!

“His son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against both heaven and you, and I am no longer worthy of being called your son.’”  
– Luke 15:21 (NLT)

#### If you're feeling defensive, pretend it wasn't you who caused the pain!

David was furious. “As surely as the LORD lives,” he vowed, “any man who would do such a thing deserves to die! He must repay four lambs to the poor man for the one he stole and for having no pity.” Then Nathan said to David, “You are that man!”

– 2 Samuel 12:5-7 (NLT)

#### Do it because it's the RIGHT thing to do, not for the RESPONSE you hope to get.

Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.

– Romans 12:17-18 (NIV)