

RE-ASSEMBLY REQUIRED

PART 4: REPAIRING BROKEN RELATIONSHIPS

INTRODUCTION

Repairing relationships is a skill that must be learned. While we're not in control of every relationship being fully restored, we can strive to have no regrets by doing everything we possibly can.

KEY SCRIPTURE

Romans 12:18

2 Corinthians 5:18-20

John 3:17

Matthew 5:23-24

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Pastor Will said that humility is a learned skill. What have you learned about being humble and who have you learned it from?
2. Describe a time when you wanted to get back at somebody. What would it have looked like for you to get back *to* them instead of getting back *at* them?
3. Read John 3:17. How did Jesus model the principle of getting back *to* and not getting back *at* others?
4. Read 2 Corinthians 5:18-19. Pastor Will emphasized the point that we have no credibility with people around us if we say or imply that God doesn't count their sins against them, but that we are still going to hold their sins against them. When is it most difficult for you to quit counting others' sins (or wrongs) against them?
5. Read Matthew 5:23-24. How does attempting to reconcile with others actually put God first in your life?
6. One of the essential decisions to make in order to reassemble broken relationships is to commit to make the first move regardless of who moved away first. Who do you need to make a first move towards right now? What move can you make?

MOVING FORWARD

Application Prayer: Heavenly Father, help me to not be content to merely forgive but to take the next step toward reconciliation. I will begin by being reconciled to you.