

Theme for 2019

**‘The God of Another Year, is a God of Wonderful and Amazing Grace.
He is the God of Forgiveness and He is the God of Beginning Again.’**

365 DAYS OF POSSIBILITIES!

“O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise. Through the Lord’s mercies we are not consumed, Because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness. I will praise You, O LORD, with my whole heart; I will tell of all Your marvelous works. I will be glad and rejoice in You; I will sing praise to Your name, O Most High.”

Psalm 51:15 (ESV); Lamentations 3:22-23 (NKJV); Psalm 9:1-2 (NKJV)



This Week’s Thought – February 17, 2019

“I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.” Ephesians 4:1-3 (NIV)

365 DAYS OF POSSIBILITIES—There have been times in each of our lives I imagine, when we have experienced relational discord or conflict. There were times when someone mistreated you, but there also have been other times when you were the one at fault. Admittedly, there were still other occasions when both you and another person hurt one another.

Regardless of what happened, God always wants to bring healing to hurting relationships. Certainly, you can’t control how another person responds during a relational crisis, but you can do your part to move toward relational healing by following Biblical principles.

Here are 2 things you can do to help heal your hurting relationships:

1) Surrender the right to be offended. Oh, boy! This can be a tough one, right!?! When our ego gets bruised, or when the other person is offended because of something we did or that they perceive we did, it’s easy to respond with offense. **But this isn’t God’s plan because offense breeds offense.**

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To live in obedience to Christ means you lay down the right to be offended. This doesn’t mean you don’t acknowledge you have been mistreated. It just means you keep your heart free from bitterness and you embrace humility. This attitude will help you think clearly about what is really happening in the relationship; you’ll experience greater peace, and your actions and words will reveal the condition of your heart. Both go a long way toward making peace with the other person.

“There is one who speaks rashly like the thrusts of a sword, But the tongue of the wise brings healing.” (Proverbs 12:18)

2) Humbly assess the condition of your own heart. When offense becomes a part of any relationship, finger pointing and blaming can begin to define us. Don’t become this person. It’s unwise. A better response is to ask the Lord if there is anything in your own heart or actions that needs to change. Then make a sincere effort to repent and do what He says. **Just as offense breeds offense, humility and tenderness can breed humility and tenderness.** Again, there’s no guarantee that the other person will respond in a godly way when you do...and there are times when someone is physically or emotionally unsafe (in those extreme situations); **but, one thing is certain: biting and fighting will never heal a relationship. Let relational healing begin with you by humbly assessing the condition of your own heart.**

On today, may the blessing of peace rest upon you...the blessing of joy abide within you...the blessing of success and favor surround you...the blessing of love flow out through you. May all the Blessings of the Lord be yours in abundance as you ‘Encounter the Possibilities’ this day will bring!!

Application: Are you experiencing relational discord? Choose God’s way of relating and see what He will do. “Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.” (Romans 12:17-18)

Prayer of reflection you might pray this week: “Dear God, I pray that I am a light of Your love, and that I am strong enough in You that I seek not to change others to my point of view but to bless them where they are. I pray for the gift of Divine understanding, and I seek to understand and demonstrate that understanding in my day-to-day interactions with others as a positive influence in their lives. I pray that I have the power to forgive, to release seeming wrongs of the past, and to walk forward into a new day of positive relationships in my life. This is my prayer in the matchless, wonderful and compassionate name of Jesus, Amen!”

“And then God answered: "Write this. Write what you see. Write it out in big block letters so that it can be read on the run. This vision-message is a witness pointing to what's coming. It aches for the coming—it can hardly wait! And it doesn't lie. If it seems slow in coming, wait. It's on its way. It will come right on time.” Habakkuk 2:2-3 (MSG)

Yours in Christ, Pastor King