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Romans 12:18-21 "If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: 'It is Mine to avenge; I will repay,' says the Lord. On the contrary: 'If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head.' Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good."

<u>Three Things You Can</u> <u>Do to Rescue</u> <u>Relationships</u>

1. CONTROL Your Emotions.

Romans 12:18-19 "Live at peace with everyone. Do not take revenge."

Ephesians 4:26-27 "When you are angry, don't let that anger make you sin, and don't stay angry all day. Don't give the devil a way to defeat you."

God has emotions.

Genesis 6:6 "The Lord was sorry that He had made people on the earth. It made Him very sad in His heart." Mark 3:5 "Jesus looked at the people. He was angry, but He felt very sad because they were so stubborn." Luke 19:41 "Jesus saw Jerusalem and wept over it."

God cares about your emotions.

Psalm 34:18 "The Lord is close to the brokenhearted; He rescues those whose spirits are crushed." Psalm 147:3 "God heals the brokenhearted and bandages their wounds."

Proverbs 29:11 "A fool expresses all his emotions, but a wise person controls them." Emotions make connected relationships meaningful. Uncontrolled emotions make connected relationships miserable.

2. COMMIT Your Emotions to God.

Romans 12:19 "Leave room for God's wrath."

Unforgiveness shuts God out. God won't sort it out when you shut Him out.

Psalm 39:2-3 "I kept very quiet but I became even more upset. I became very angry inside, and as I thought about it, my anger burned."

Psalm 32:3-4 "When I kept it all inside, my bones turned to powder, my words became daylong groans. The pressure never let up; all the juices of my life dried up."

What you resent, you will eventually resemble.

Hurt hinders clear thinking.

Psalm 73:21-22 "When my thoughts were bitter and my feelings were hurt, I was as stupid as an animal; I did not understand You."

Don't allow hurt feelings to control your response. Let God control your response.

Job 11:13-16 "So commit yourself to God completely. Reach out your hands to Him for help. Get rid of all the sin you have. Don't let anything that is evil stay in your tent. Then, free of those things, **you can face others**. You can stand firm without being afraid. You can be sure **you will forget your troubles**. They will be like water that has flowed on by."

Peace begins when your demand for payment ends.

3. Consider the REASONS for Other People's Emotions.

Romans 12:20-21 "On the contrary: 'If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head.' Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good."

Hurt people hurt people.

Hebrews 10:24-25 "Let us consider how we can stir up one another to love. Let us help one another to do good works. Let us encourage one another with words of hope." The #1 error we make during conflict in relationships is to assume MOTIVE.

Proverbs 3:3-4 "Never let loyalty and kindness leave you! Tie them around your neck as a reminder. Write them deep within your heart. Then you will find favor with both God and people, and you will earn a good reputation.

Romans 12:18 "AS FAR as it depends on you."

Ephesians 4:31-32 "Get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words, and slander, as well as all types of evil behavior. Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you."

Peace is possible for you when you've done all you can do.

Memory Verse: Romans 12:18 "If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone."