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Dear Friend,

It's hard to believe that another year is almost over. But here we are. Christmastime is soon approaching with acknowledgements and celebrations for the birth of Christ. Hallelujah! Let's take advantage of this holiday season to reestablish and strengthen the bonds in our life with the same love of God that brought us our Savior Jesus.

The Bible tells us in First John 4:8: **He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.** We are the children of a loving God whose ear is attentive to our cry and who loves to answer prayer. Therefore, a key to answered prayer in our life is an intimate relationship with our Father. This is the primary reason it is so important that we keep our life free from strife and unforgiveness, making every effort to forgive everyone of any offense committed against us. Because love and forgiveness are how we keep open the line of communication with our Father. Love is how we know Him and stay connected to Him.

Forgiveness is an extension of the agape love of God—the most powerful force of all—and nothing makes the benefits of answered prayer more readily available to us than the forces of love and forgiveness.

You see, the way we treat people is of top priority with God, and as we walk in His love towards others on a daily basis, we can rest assured that our intimate fellowship with Him remains unbroken. When we fight with everything in us to forgive our brethren of all their trespasses—even though we may have been lied to, cheated, and schemed against undeservedly; even though we may be completely innocent—we are actually fighting to keep our line of communication to God completely open and free of all debris.

The enemy uses offenses to cheat us out of our inheritance from God. He wants to lead us into anger, strife, and unforgiveness so that our line of prayer to the Father is closed off, so that we lose out on the benefits of answered prayer.

Jesus understood how vital our ability to pray and receive from God is, for He made a point of stressing it in Mark 11:25: **And when ye stand praying, FORGIVE, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.**

Most believers agree that strife and unforgiveness are wrong, but Satan is sly and will try to convince a person that—in “this” particular case—things are different. The person may fume on the inside, thinking, *I have been wronged. Who do these people think they are that they can walk all over me? No one lies about me and gets away with it! I have rights!* What people don't understand is that the devil is not just after division and discord; he is after our relationship with God.

Satan wants free access to our lives. He wants to pull us down into the same pit where he lives. And one of the easiest ways for him to do that is to trap us in unforgiveness and, thereby, obstruct answers to our prayers.

On the one hand, other people may do things to us (or even to those we love) that are not our fault. In these situations, it may appear that we have every right to defend ourselves. Nevertheless, when we choose to fight with everything in us to forgive, we are really fighting to keep open our line of communication with God.

On the other hand, when we fight with people and compromise the principles of forgiveness, it destroys something down on the inside of our character. It may be unnoticeable at first, but the power to resist sin is drained away one temptation at a time until, finally, the devil accomplishes his prime objective: an inroad for destruction into our life, our business, our family.

In Matthew 18, Jesus tells the parable of the servant who is forgiven a debt of ten thousand talents (an unpayable sum) by his lord, but then that same servant refuses to forgive his fellow servant a debt of one hundred pence (a tiny amount). Jesus says in Matthew 18:32-35:

Then his lord, after that he had called him, said unto him, O thou wicked servant, I forgave thee all that debt, because thou desiredst me:

Shouldest not thou also have had compassion on thy fellowservant, even as I had pity on thee?

And his lord was wroth, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all that was due unto him.

So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses.

In reality, it is not God who delivers us to the tormentors. We deliver ourselves when we refuse to walk in love and forgiveness.

On the Cross, Jesus canceled the debt that would have sent the entire human race to hell. That cancelled debt is all the reason we should ever need to forgive others.

Unforgiveness is an effective tool because it is a violation of grace. In other words, when we allow unforgiveness to remain in our heart, we are violating the very principles by which we were born again. We freely received the unmerited, unearned favor of God bestowed on us at salvation. Therefore, even though we may think the person who wronged us doesn't deserve our forgiveness, Jesus says, "I forgave you of everything. Why can't you forgive your brother?"

As we head into Christmas, let's have an open heart and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to us any breaches in our relationships or friendships that need to be reinforced by the love of God. Whether or not we were the ones who caused division, we can be the initiators of healing.

Jesus says in Luke 6:27,28:

**But I say unto you which hear, Love your enemies, do good to them which hate you,
Bless them that curse you, and pray for them which despitefully use you.**

If we can't find the words to pray, all we have to do is ask our Father for help, and He will answer with His grace. It may take some time in prayer before we allow the love of God to flow out of our heart towards those who have caused us pain, but that is just what will happen if we will obey and keep praying. God's strength becomes our strength, and His unending grace to us includes the ability to forgive.

When we let God's love have its way in our life, it drives out selfishness, insecurity, fear, and worry. Love feels no need to protect itself. Therefore, when the love of God fills and dominates our heart, it causes us to prefer our brother above ourselves and to be patient, kind, and longsuffering. To be filled with God's love is to know that because He is for us, nothing can stand against us.

This holiday season, we encourage you to listen for the inward leading of the Holy Spirit and to be sensitive to His voice so you can take advantage of every opportunity to strengthen the bonds of love in your relationships.

Thank you so much for choosing to be a part of this ministry. We praise God for you and rejoice that we are family and members together in the Body of Christ. May the healing love and forgiveness of the Father envelop you more every day and strengthen and bless you in the new year to come. Merry Christmas! We love you!

Your friends,
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Present-Day Speaking

‘Seek Me Out, Learn My Ways, and Know Me’

1. In intimacy, I will know you, and you will know Me. For the deep things of God are revealed unto you by My Spirit, says the Spirit of Grace. Come to this new place, for I desire to fellowship with you, for My love is continually flowing from Me to you.

2. I love to pull each of you aside and instruct you in the ways of My grace, says the Spirit of the Lord. Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God and subject yourself, yes, even as he who is totally teachable, to My Spirit, says the Spirit of Grace. If you will humble yourself, I will exalt you in due time. For your enemy would seek through subtlety to divert you and to lead you down the paths of your flesh. But know this: He whom edifies himself can stand the test.

3. The higher walk with Me, that walk where your house is on the foundation where a man walks free, is in My love and its flow. So rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for there is a place of fellowship with Me that not many understand, but I will assure you, My children, it can be had.

4. The nature of My Spirit, says the Spirit of Grace, is to nurture, is to woo; it is to summon you to a higher place. For the enemy will bring pressure—he will try to force you or lead you into bondage, and that is not of Me. Therefore, take My love, the kind that descends down from above, which is first pure, peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated, and your life shall be full. And your joy shall be great, and in your life, I will take My rightful place.

Psalm 63:7,8 Because thou hast been my help, therefore in the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice. My soul followeth hard after thee: thy right hand upholdeth me.

5. Many causes will men give their lives for, but many causes, says the Spirit of the Lord, are not the right ones. If you will come into My Presence and worship Me in the Name of My Son, then I will alert your spirit to when the enemy comes, and I will put you on the path that is ordered by My Spirit. And your life will be complete, leaving nothing undone.

6. The cause that I would [desire] that you give yourself to, says the Spirit of Grace, is to seek Me out and learn My ways and know Me, says the Spirit, that I may lead you continually and satisfy your soul. At all times, I will be with you. I will empower you, and I will teach you, says the Spirit of Grace.

7. If you could understand the healing power that worship carries with it, if you could understand the healing power that takes place in the presence of your soul when you give yourself over to Me in worship, says the Spirit of the Lord, you would practice entering into My Presence with diligence. You would feast on My Presence as you feast on a meal.

8. Hear what the Spirit would say, for many, many weapons of the strongman fall in My Presence, for it is here that I refresh, for every yoke is broken, bondage is loosed. For they who would walk in My Presence all the hours of the day would know that there is a whole domain of peace that I have prepared for you to walk in. Therefore, enter in. And when I provide a place for you to worship, enter in, for know this: the most important places to walk with Me are places in the Spirit. For I have provided them for you. So enter in, says the Spirit. Enter in that I might be free to bless you.

9. He will go over and over and over again—He will continue to minister those things that change us. Because He loves, He will do it. He will do it. He will continue to do it. Because He loves us, He will always come back where you are walking to see if you want to take the next step up. That is why He does this. He visits you frequently, saying, “Hey, child, come with Me”—frequently. I love it when He comes back for me. People won’t come back for you—He will though. He lays that whole step for you and says, “Are you ready?” Remember, you can’t give God lip service. He knows whether you mean it.

2 Corinthians 3:18 But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

10. Those who will enter into My Presence and fellowship with Me and fellowship with My Spirit and yield yourself to Me, I have a mind for you, and I have a plan for you. There is no one who will walk with Me by the power of My Spirit that I will not reveal Myself in you.

11. He is longsuffering—He loves you and desires that you will accomplish all that He has set you to do. Therefore, listen and hear, and for those things that I have redeemed you from and have given to you, hold them dear and know that nothing, nothing is too hard. And all that I said, I will always do. So be those who do not withhold nor draw back, but stay strong until you come through. Be encouraged, be encouraged. The things that you are hearing and learning, you will be so glad, as time goes on, so glad that you are individually, personally strong. So be glad, be glad.

12. He who is made perfect in My love is he who walks free of torment and fear and is he who walks in My peace and understands, no matter what the trial or what the problem is, you can put these things into My hands. And this is the source of your peace—knowing that I have all things that you surrender to Me under control.

13. Hear what the Spirit would say, for My love casts out fear, for he who has fear has torment and has not been perfected in My love. There is this state that is waiting for you who will partake of My Spirit, for the part of you that I will magnify is the standing you receive from Me. And the part in you that I will bring forward as a reigning conqueror will be that nature I have given you. It will overtake every dark part that you are walking in and illuminate and fill you with light. You will see what I have given you is enough. So take what I have, develop it, and walk in it, for I said you are free.

14. In these times to come, know this: Your personal fellowship with Me will hold a strong and a great place. In that day, your joy must be based in your fellowship and relationship with Me. The world will not have much to have joy over, but you who remain in close fellowship with Me, even My joy shall be your strength.

15. Happy is he who has learned in these last days that I am your Source. Therefore, again I would say unto you that your personal fellowship with Me in your private worship and your time with Me is a source of strength. Therefore, be a partaker of that which I have provided for you.