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To Hurt or to Heal?

September 28 & 29, 2013

[Romans 12:17-21](#)

¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. ¹⁸ If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. ¹⁹ 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. ²⁰ 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."

²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. (Romans 12:17-21 NIV)

Consider & Discuss

1. Do you have any long-standing memories of being hurt by someone else? How have you dealt with those hurts over the intervening years?
2. Have you ever experienced healing in a broken relationship? How did it come about?
3. Why do you think reconciliation is so difficult to achieve?
4. Read [Romans 12:17-21](#). What strikes you about this passage?
5. What advice would you give to a friend who is unsettled about a broken relationship in which they see no hope for reconciliation and peace?
6. How would you explain the relationship between God forgiving us and us forgiving others?

Live It

Take some time this week to prayerfully apply the 3 application ideas Chris gave in his message:

- Embrace God's forgiveness.
- Extend forgiveness to others.
- Overcome in your thought life and conversations.