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# Heart to Heart

*Bringing our hearts to Him,  
Receiving His Heart for us!*

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## Hot off the Press!

Dear,

### ***Secrets to gaining your freedom through forgiveness.***

*There is ONLY ONE WAY that I know of to recover the lost joy, wonder and simplicity of childhood--do all of the forgiving that your heart requires of you in order for you **to re-enter the frame of mind you once ENJOYED before hurt and injustice began to steal your innocence.***

*These three articles will help you get there! (You may also want to see two very helpful articles on HOW to do forgiveness: **Freedom through Forgiving** and **From Heart to Heart**).*

Steve

## Failure Becomes Salvation

***Hold on to your hats...***

**How does failure become salvation?** That sounds preposterous! Bizarre! Impossible! But it does all the time... Let's look at how this works in regard to unforgiveness. Nobody forgives the "hard cases" easily and naturally. When it comes to forgiving undeserving and undesirable people on a mercy basis we are colossal failures. And yet Jesus absolutely commands us to forgive everyone for anything that they have done to us or to our loved ones. No exceptions. Agreed? If in doubt, consult the Final Word Himself:

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**Oh sure, before I became a Christian I was a failure at forgiving, but it didn't bother me.** Pain caused by someone else meant that I was a victim. But then I became a Christian and now I KNOW that Jesus is the Victim whenever ***I sin against Him by not forgiving someone who sinned against me.*** He had to take a beating for that. Before conversion, my unforgiveness was simply the problem of what was done to me (their sins). After conversion my unforgiveness also becomes the problem of what I'm doing to Jesus (my sin).

**Any failure to forgive "anyone for anything" is therefore a colossal failure to obey an absolute command of Jesus Himself**--especially since the primary way He is rescuing humanity is through forgiveness to the undeserving! ***Allow yourself no excuses or you will never get free.*** This command is meant to first of all reveal what a failure we are.

**OK, so how does this help me?** Doesn't knowing this make my problem worse? Yes indeed! Now you are doubly a failure--and that helps (stick with me): you are not only *doing* wrong, but now you *know* you are doing wrong (by not forgiving) and have no excuse and you know it. ***Now (at last) you are being humbled by the sight of your own moral failure to be a mercy giving person.*** Your focus begins to shift from your outrage over *their sin* to your humiliation at the sight of *your own* (where it needed to be all along).

**Once I am crushed and humbled enough** by the sight of my own sin(s) I begin to lose my righteous indignation about the other person's sin. What powers up anger and unforgiveness is the (often hidden) pride that is saying to God, "You are wrong and I'm right to keep holding this against them." Now that I realize that my unforgiveness is never going to be vindicated and that my failure to forgive is the current PRIMARY failure I need to deal with, it becomes much easier to actually do the forgiving. ***Failure becomes salvation!***

## Bitterness and It's Buddies

***Take the steps one at a time..***

**Ever tried unraveling tangled cords** by pulling at them willy-nilly? Emotional pain can be like that. It really helps to be able to patiently break a complicated thing down into its component parts and deal with them one at a time. God sees all of the parts and His ways of

editions.

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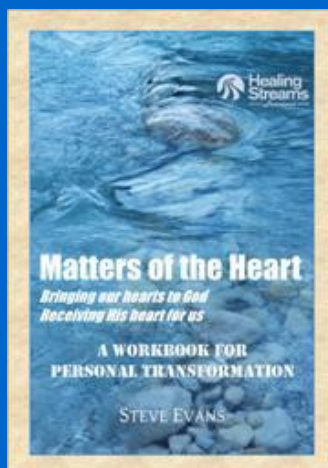


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ministering to us vary according to each one. That's why ***one of the keys to freedom is discernment***--recognizing what is really going on in the deep dark places of a wounded heart. Pray for the Holy Spirit to "turn the lights on" and show you the broken pieces!

**1. Forgiving others is *one piece*** of the nexus of pain that can get stuck to us when we have been hurt and abused, but emotional pain can come in 5 different ways! There is pain that is held in place (and often amplified by) by my own unforgiveness. This is the most common source of pain after an unpleasant event. Once I have forgiven them from the heart the "tormentors" (ie. demons) have no right to use that pain against me, so all the *bitterness pain* leaves as I fully let go of the offence and give it to God (see Matthew 18:21-35).

**2. This may still leave the hurt that may have come in as perceived disappointment in God:** "Why did You let this happen? Did I really have to go through all that pain? Why didn't You rescue me sooner or prevent it in the first place, etc." I call this the question that stumps us because we really would like an answer to it. God may well provide an answer down the road, but for *now* He is quietly calling us to trust Him and believe the promise of Romans 8:28. Whenever we believe that promise *with my whole heart* all of this kind of pain (loss, regret, self-pity) goes and is replaced with bright expectation of blessing coming as a direct result of fully giving the thing to God (see our teaching on **Unbelief** for more help on this).

**3. Then there is the pain of unresolved and un-restored relationships:** it really feels bad to be living at home or office with someone who is at variance with us, or to just keep bumping into them around town in meetings too close for comfort, because their adverse attitude towards us is a constant source of discomfort. We have to trust God and learn to live in the "in between" just as He does--no one has more broken relationships with loved ones to deal with than our God--and ***fix*** our eyes on His perfect acceptance of us.

**4-5. Fourth and fifth, there is the pain of rejection by others** we may have taken on (see **Accepted in the Beloved** on our website) ***or self-rejection*** for not being someone who would have been able to avoid the pain or the problem (see **Love Thyself!**). I have certainly seen it where I have fully forgiven the other person (and released that pain), given it to God for redemption (and gotten over my complaint with Him), but still walked

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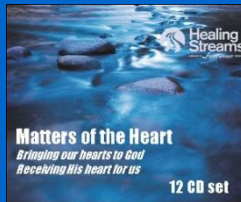
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around wounded by the stings of "their stares"-the unloving looks of the ones who are still rejecting me (points 3 and 4). Even so, this also goes away with the right application of Truth to the hurting area.

**Now, that's a lot of stuff to have to learn how to deal with!** If we have gotten "tagged" by the enemy in any of these ways then we certainly "needed" the trial and will have had to face it in one form or another in order to grow spiritually. However, the goal is not just emotional survival, but to **learn how to use every negative event and every inward failing as a springboard into drawing on greater grace from God** and in the process learning how to exchange absolutely everything inside of us that is a negative emotion for the positive ones He wants us to be able to feel *at all times*.

**We don't usually get feelings directly from Him**, but we do get to believe truths which allow us to feel the way He does since He is always believing those same good feeling truths (it feels great to know by faith that I'm accepted, that He loves me, that He is making great plans for me, etc.). Faith is the connection to grace. **The grace is always there.** It is our inability to access it (surrender to it and feel really, really good) that indicates a faith connection that is loose or shorting out. That's a clear indication that we need to **ACT! Fast** to reconnect!

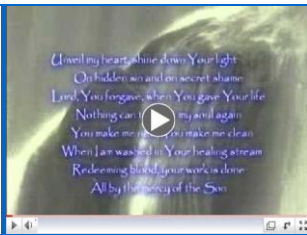
### Mad at God? Who Me?

***Please be honest about this one...***

**I once had a parishioner in my office who seemed to be hopping mad at just about everybody in his life.** I finally had to ask him, "Why don't you pick on somebody your own size for a change?" Startled, he stopped his complaints and asked me what I meant. "You're really mad at God: All these people you are upset with are His "servants" and you obviously don't like what God is allowing, so I think it's time to take your complaints to the Top!"

**Our anger is not always accurate in where we direct it.** If we want to gain our full measure of freedom, we will need to make sure that our hearts aren't carrying a secret store of unresolved feelings harbored against God. So let me ask you:

**Have you ever been mad at God?** This is the most



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normal thing in the world (don't we all get upset at times with the people we love?) and yet you might be afraid of being honest about your feelings and try to push them down instead. Oh, that's not good! ***The Lord loves honesty from deep within even when the stuff down there is unpleasant.***

**The first time I ever got mad at God** as a very young Christian, I was so scared I told my first wife, June, "I'm going home to tell the Lord EXACTLY how I feel about how He is running our business into the ground. When you come home tonight there may be a smoky, greasy spot on the carpet where I was standing when I let Him have it!" I was scared; but I was also too angry with how things were going to contain it! ***What the Father sent my way, however, was not lightning bolts, but waves of endless peace.*** I felt engulfed by His love and acceptance--as if He were actually *rewarding* me for bringing my complaint to Him, even if I hurled it at Him to do so.

**I have had a lot of practice being mad at God.** This is because I have ONE basic strategy: make everything that happens and everything that doesn't happen be a personal matter between you and the Lord. He is sovereign over ALL or He is not much of a sovereign. ***I can't help but believe that a lot of Christian anger would quickly get resolved if we would all follow this simple rule--act as if God really is in charge and stop blaming people, the secondary actors.***

**Take your anger to the TOP!** Think how much frustration, anger, disappointment, impatience with other people would go up in smoke if we really took to heart the words of scripture, that other people are His servants. Under His management everything about them, even their sins, are being made to serve His loving purposes in your life. ***It may not be the "service" you want them to give you, but you can be sure their ways are serving your spiritual growth--and when it comes to growing things, nothing works better than a good bag of manure!***

**So If you want to become free of anger and unforgiveness,** try to recognize when you need to forgive God for what He is allowing people to do (or not do) in your life. He hasn't done anything wrong! But that is not the point. Your heart and mine thinks, reasons and feels like a three year old when it comes to the hurts of life--that's when and where we first learned the way of turning our hearts into fists! Going back into that



"infantile" part of our heart and purposefully releasing God from any blame and disappointment we may be holding against Him really does work to restore a childlike trust and simplicity of life. ***And it gets our focus off of people and back onto the One who deserves all of our attention!***

## From We to Thee

*A colorful parade...*

We are experiencing a very colorful spring here in Savannah. All of the unusual fluctuations in our weather this year--from hot to cold and back again, with a predominately warm winter and cold early spring--seem to have confused the buds.

I look out each day to see a continuing proliferation of late winter bloomers, early spring flowers and the usual mid-spring array all going strong. Rather than seeing in this some dire prediction of the end, I choose to look upon it as the Lord's way of bringing something beautiful out of the seemingly chaotic. If I'm just dreaming, don't pinch me! ***Romans 8:28 rules!***

*Steve and Eunice*



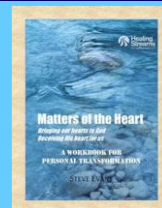
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**Sincerely,**

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