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THE GENUINE'S LIFE EVIDENCES OUR LORD JESUS

The Unforgiving Nullify the Precious Blood of Jesus

A Holy Spirit-guided & empowered way of life is promised in the New Covenant.



For the best spiritual benefit, please prayerfully discuss this Nugget with those with you on your faith pilgrimage.

Dear Friends in Christ Jesus our Lord,

We're continuing to emphasize the heartfelt motivation of the *genuinely* born again—*why* you're living to love and serve your Lord. Abiding in the New Covenant union with your heavenly Father and your Lord Jesus demands your fervent, passionate, enthusiastic, and unconditional commitment (see Mark 12:30). And the nucleus of your whole-heartedness in this relationship is anchored in loving the Lord your God with all that you are and all that's within you as you live to fulfill your heavenly Father's purposes for His glory. Think of the beauty of this wondrous goal! From the moment of your conversion you are recruited by God our Father to be a wholehearted ambassador of Christ (2Corinthians 5:20), with the indwelling presence of God the Holy Spirit motivating you to live for our Lord Jesus — God the Son.

You are best able to demonstrate your unwavering desire to please our Lord both individually and collectively through your loving interaction with those in your home fellowship family:

“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, making every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace” (Ephesians 4:1-3).

It's the Holy Spirit dwelling within you Who enables these Christ-like characteristics to shine through you and be a blessing to others: *“Do nothing out of selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard each other as better than yourself. Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others. Let your attitude toward one another be governed by your being in union with Christ Jesus”* (Philippians 2:3-5).

To help the Hebraic foundations become a way of life for His people, our heavenly Father is restoring home fellowships for the *genuine*. These relational gatherings of extended spiritual family are established on **communal righteousness** (each member living free of unconfessed sin) and **load-bearing relationships** (fulfilling the 54 one-anothering verses in the Newer Testament). There is a supportive interpersonal regard for each other in these fellowship families which springs forth both from the Holy Spirit and by the members mutually viewing themselves as a “WE”, not as a group of “I”s. It's through the Spirit and a “WE” perspective of themselves that they sacrificially cooperate in divine purposes that please our Lord and bring our Father glory. (See our article, [Fellowship In Homes — The Hebraic Model](#).)



When a home fellowship family is living out Ephesians 4:1-3 and Philippians 2:3-5 as they love and serve our Lord Jesus, the Holy Spirit finds it easy to mutually use them for our Father's purposes. But beware. If your fellowship family exhibits even the slightest toleration for an **unforgiving person** among you, you will be defiled by this. And your leniency about this sin will close off the Spirit from mutually using you in fulfilling Father's will for you collectively. We've warned against unforgiveness many times before because it's so important that you confront it. (On page 4 are links to a few of these helpful materials.) In this Nugget the Spirit has encouraged us to reinforce forgiveness. That's because those who are unforgiving sabotage the *genuine*.



Abide By Our Heavenly Father's Verdict Of The Unforgiving



•“For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins” (Matthew 6:14,15).

•“And his master was angry, and delivered him to the torturers... So My heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother his trespasses” (Matthew 18:34,35).

Our Lord Jesus Himself declares our Father's judgment against an unforgiving person. Why is His stance so firm against those who are unwilling to forgive? Our Father clearly realizes the precious cost of our Lord's sacrifice for our sins. But an unforgiving person completely nullifies Jesus's death on the cross on their behalf. They feel they don't have to or can't forgive the person who has hurt or offended them. But they're blind to their own desperate need to be forgiven by our Father through the atoning sacrifice of Jesus—and that won't happen until they forgive and receive the grace that Father gives the humble. Others are negatively affected too when they refuse to repent. Their family and/or home fellowship family are sabotaged by their sinful unforgiveness: “Looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up causes trouble, and by this many become defiled” (Hebrews 12:15).

☹️ Unforgiving people influence others to remain resentful and have contempt for others.

☹️ Unforgiving people cannot share Christ's love with others since His love entails forgiveness.

☹️ Unforgiving people camouflage their dark stance behind ‘seeming’ kindness to avoid being confronted.

No matter how much the unforgiving try to conceal their darkness, they are in a prison of not being forgiven by our heavenly Father. That's why the genuine must act with the love of Christ to firmly confront the unforgiving. And many unforgiving go through life being ‘tortured’ until they do repent. **If** you continue to allow an unforgiving person who refuses to repent to remain in your home fellowship, your prayers will go unanswered by Father because of this ongoing sin in your midst. You'll have no testimonies to His glory through Him answering your prayers. So ask yourself: Does this matter to you and your fellowship family?

A tragic illustration of defiling others through unforgiveness:

On page 88 of our book, [Pastoring By Elders](#), we recount the woe we went through with our sheep flock when we failed to closely examine a ewe we'd been given. A local 4-H'er had offered us his ewe. She was a good-looking sheep and we gratefully added her to our flock. But not too long after, we noticed she was limping. Close inspection revealed the shepherd's bane: foot rot. A highly contagious affliction, foot rot destroys the hoof tissue, crippling the sheep and hindering their ability to graze. To our dismay, the entire flock had been infected.



Many hours were spent with us dipping hooves into copper sulfate and cutting away rotted tissue! The lesson we learned has powerful spiritual ramifications: No matter how wonderful a person looks on the outside, if the infection of unforgiveness is present, you can be sure that others will be contaminated by it.

Every genuinely born again person is called to “make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual upbuilding” (Romans 14:19). If you yearn to mutually be used by the indwelling Spirit and to become more like our Lord Jesus, then each of you needs these biblical motivations:

✅ a wholehearted desire to be transformed into the character of our Lord Jesus.

✅ a humble willingness to be confronted by those who deeply care about your spiritual condition.

If you aren't fully committed to both of these parameters, then you'll be hindering personal transformation into Christ's likeness. And your resistance will impede you mutually experiencing the love of Jesus with one another.

The Fear To Confront Only Prolongs Spiritual Darkness

"Better is open rebuke than hidden love" (Proverbs 27:5).

Whenever there is unconforted sin and/or demonic strongholds in a family, friendship or home fellowship, there will be **interpersonal apprehension** expressed through anxiety, fear, or suspicion. And wherever apprehension exists, the fulness of the love of our Lord Jesus can't fully blossom. As we've noted before, the goal of demonic strongholds is to destroy relationships. When sin and/or demonic strongholds go unconforted in close relationships such as a family or home fellowship, a relational cancer springs up. It's termed **"codependency"**. Codependent relationships act like gears turning around each other. Let's look at unforgiveness and its impact on relationships:



The motion of the gears is driven by the **(1) Unforgiving Person** remaining unconforted by others in the family or faith family. The **(2) Codependent Person** fears any and all emotional tension that would be brought about by confronting the unforgiving person. The reality is that the codependent person is often blind to their own sins or demonic strongholds because they've been deceived into viewing themselves as the "caring person." They may offer excuses and find themselves even defending the unforgiving person's behavior to the **(3) Significant Others**. The Significant Others are also fearful of confrontation, but they do have some level of willingness to confront the unforgiving person. However, they are often discouraged from doing this by the Codependent Person who fears what might happen.

The longer this emotional discomfort is allowed to go on, the more deeply entrenched fear and non-confrontation become. Sadly, when apprehension goes on for too long, it's often followed by strife and breakup of the relationships. The Significant Others find themselves fleeing the relationship in order to maintain their own identity, respect, and dignity.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God" (Matthew 5:9).

"Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness" (James 3:18).

A peacemaker is the love of our Lord Jesus personified! Whenever apprehension exists, the *genuinely* born again need to be His peacemakers. This applies whether it means reconciling an unforgiving person with our heavenly Father or with others. Our Lord's peacemakers are His beloved servants who by His Spirit are girded with His supportive love and purpose, and are fully available for scripturally-based confrontation. If this is you, then your specific objective as a peacemaker is to supportively confront any persistent apprehension in relationships so that the love of our Lord Jesus may abound between them. How greatly this essential role of peace-making is needed throughout Christianity today! And what wonderful fruit emerges from your efforts as a peacemaker both within your family and your fellowship family.

Peacemakers are people of justice who are activated by the love of Jesus. Their efforts as peacemakers are guided by the words voiced by our Lord, “*So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets*” (Matthew 7:12). If you’re a biblical peacemaker, you can listen to the perspectives of each person who’s involved without letting yourself be biased or take sides. You’re keenly aware that as long as apprehension exists, the fullness of Jesus’s love is blocked out in the people who are involved as participants and bystanders.

In Teaching Email 29, [***Are Your Friendships Spiritually Authentic?***](#), we discuss the three types of relationships people have — Positional, Activity-based, and Value-based. A Positional relationship is a role you’re in among other people, like within your family or a job function. Activity-based relationships abound in congregations since people have so many programs and events to take part in. But the deepest type of relationship you can have is Value-based. It expresses the depth of commitment you have to each other, which the family of our Lord Jesus is privileged to have with Him and with your brothers and sisters in a home fellowship. You may find it helpful to review this Teaching E-mail about friendships so you can prioritize your own relationships according to our Lord’s criteria for fellowship of the *genuine*.

For a more thorough understanding of what we’ve presented in this Nugget, please read and discuss with those close to you these resources:

- Teaching Email 42: [***Develop Loyalty—Giving Up Your Life For Someone***](#)
- Teaching Email 109: [***Have You Seen What We’ve Seen? \(Observation 4\)***](#)
- Teaching Email 114: [***•Codependency: Have You Seen What We’ve Seen? \(Observation 9\)***](#)
- Lifebyte 40: [***Do You Confront For Jesus? Or, Placate For Satan?***](#)
- Discussing How to Restore the Early Church, Lesson 31: [***•4. Are You Spiritually Free? •5. Do You Forgive?***](#)
- Our booklet: [***Growing Relationships Through Confrontation***](#)