

RESTORING A RELATIONSHIP WITH A FAMILY MEMBER
Genesis 32-33

At some point you are going to need this message, although you may not need it right now.

If God is your First Priority, then _____ will be your Next Priority.

Jacob and Esau were twins. Their relationship was about as broken as it could get. There was anger, jealousy, bitterness, un-forgiveness, misunderstandings, hurt feelings and mistrust.

Jacob with the help of his mother Rebecca, tricked Esau out of the birthright that was given to the oldest son. Isaac favored Esau, and Rebecca favored Jacob. Whenever favoritism is shown within a family, you put out the welcome mat for much _____.

1. *Genesis 27:41*****

Jacob lived up to his name which means “deceiver,” trickster,” “swindler,” “schemer.” Yet once he encountered God and was broken, his name was changed to “Israel” which implies Overcomer.

For over 20 years these brothers were estranged, wounded, not speaking, not communicating, had not relationship, no more memory building, no laughing.

2. *Genesis 31:3*****

How do you Restore a Relationship with a Family Member? Here are some steps:

I SPECIFICALLY _____ OUT THE BROKEN RELATIONSHIP

What is your broken relationship?

II DON'T FALL FOR THE LIE THAT IF YOU JUST LEAVE IT ALONE—DO NOTHING, SAY NOTHING, WAIT IT OUT—IT WILL GET _____

You are not responsible for their response or reaction or words or silence; you are only responsible for you.

_____ **Does NOT Heal All Wounds**

III ASK GOD FOR WISDOM AND DISCERNMENT TO ANSWER, “IS THERE SOMETHING THAT IS SO EGREGIOUS THAT IT WOULD BE BEST TO _____ IT _____?”

There are some issues you need great wisdom from God as to whether you should even broach the subject.

Remember, forgiveness is about _____, not about the person who did something to you.

IV MAKE SURE YOU ARE RIGHT WITH _____ FIRST. IF YOU ARE STRUGGLING WITH GOD, YOU WILL STRUGGLE WITH _____

When you get right with God, when you experience³ God, then an only then do you have the power, the capacity, to deal with your broken relationships.

V BOMBARD IT WITH _____ PRIOR TO THE CONFRONTATION

Genesis 32:9-11

You will not restore your broken family relationship without much prayer

VI HAVE A _____ FOR HOW YOU ARE GOING TO BROACH THE SUBJECT

The Right Time—

The Right Place—

VII YOU HAVE TO BE _____ TO ADDRESS THE ISSUE

Genesis 32:4-6

Unless you are willing to address the broken relationship, nothing is ever going to _____, in fact, will probably get _____.

VIII DO SOMETHING TO DEMONSTRATE _____ TO SHOW THAT YOU ARE TRYING TO OPEN THE DOOR BACK TO A RELATIONSHIP

Genesis 32:13-15

What can you do to show the person with whom you have a broken relationship that you want to _____ that relationship?

IX SHOW _____

Even if the other person was _____% to blame, you have to own your _____%.

Genesis 33:3

X THINK ABOUT THIS: THE _____ OF THE CONFRONTATION IS OFTEN WORSE THAN THE ACTUAL EXPERIENCE OF CONFRONTATION

Genesis 33:4;8-9