

Part 5

Teens In Crisis

Forgiveness

- I. If you are going to be used of God, if you are going to be healed
 - a. You must forgive
 - b. Matthew 6:12 –14 – God will forgive us the same way we forgive others
 - i. If you want to have forgiveness from God – you will have to be willing to forgive others
 - ii. There is to be unlimited forgiveness
 - iii. If you refuse to forgive then I can not forgive you
 - c. I Peter 2:24
 - i. When Jesus hung on the cross He was innocent
 - ii. Jesus bore our sins in His body on that cross
 - iii. So that by His death we might be healed
 - iv. There is fellowship of His sufferings
 - v. All things work together for good for those that love God
 - vi. You understand that God is sovereign
 - vii. Then God was not pleased with that, but He permitted that
 - viii. So what is God trying to teach you – He is teaching you the fellowship of the sufferings of Jesus Christ – God is trying to make you more like Christ
 - ix. As you were hurt and you were innocent in that case, so Jesus bore our sins and He was innocent
 - x. What did Jesus say as He hung on that cross? – “Father forgive them for they know not what they do.”
 - xi. You need to forgive them as Christ has forgiven you
 - xii. You owe God so much more than any man will ever owe you, and God forgives it all – so you have to be willing to forgive
- II. Peace and healing are going to come in acceptance of others
 - a. We go into a pity party – we don’t have everything we want
 - i. A lot of you are being burdened by the things that money can buy– the Bible says that riches are deceitful

- ii. Many wish that you had different parents or different brothers or sisters
- iii. We go into the “If only . . .”
- b. Romans 15:7 – when God looks at you, He accepts you just the way you are
 - i. He says He loves you with an everlasting love
 - ii. We are to accept others as God has accepted us
- c. Why don't we accept others
 - i. We feel that they owe us something
 - 1. a debt they have not fulfilled
 - 2. they haven't paid their debt
 - 3. I will only accept you if you perform the way you're supposed to perform in my mind
 - a. It is hard being parent
 - b. We love you and we want to be perfect and we don't always know how to be perfect
 - c. Kids have a standard they hold their parents to
 - d. Kids are only kind to their parents if they meet our standards
 - e. You need to accept anyone the way they are
 - ii. They are not what you wanted them to be
 - iii. They remind us of someone who has hurt us
 - 1. you need to look at people and say God made them the way He made them, He made me the way He made me, and He made us different, and I am going to accept them even as God accepts me – and I am not going to put expectations on them

III. We need to obey what we have heard

- a. Your obedience to the word of God will bless God's heart
- b. it will bless you
- c. it will change you
- d. it will heal you
- e. it will take you from being a teen in crisis to a teen who is more than a conqueror