

GIANTS

BATTLEFIELD 3.0 | THE PLACE OF BROKEN RELATIONSHIPS

2 Chronicles 20:4

In the course of time, war broke out with the Philistines, at **Gezer**. At that time Sibbekai the Hushathite killed **Sippai**, one of the descendants of the Rephaites, and the Philistines were subjugated.

Gezer = piece or portion / The place of being cut off

sippai = my basin, my threshold

“God has done all this. He has restored our relationship with him through Christ, and has given us this ministry of restoring relationships.”

2 Cor. 5:18 (GWT)

FORGIVENESS IS NOT...

- 1. MINIMIZING THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE OFFENSE**
- 2. INSTANT RESTORATION OF TRUST**
- 3. RESUMING THE RELATIONSHIP WITHOUT ANY CHANGES**

SO TODAY: I we want to answer 2 Questions

Why should I let go of my hurt?

How do I let go of those who've hurt me?

I. WHY SHOULD I LET GO OF MY HURT

A. BECAUSE GOD HAS FORGIVEN ME

Ephesians 4:32

32 Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you.

B. BECAUSE RESENTMENT DOESN'T WORK

3 Reasons Resentment doesn't work

- **It's Unreasonable**

Ecc. 7:9 "It is foolish to harbor a grudge"

- **It's Unhelpful**

- **It's Unhealthy**

C. BECAUSE I'LL NEED MORE FORGIVENESS

Matthew 6:15

But if you refuse to forgive others, your Father will not forgive your sins.

Forgiveness is a 2 way street

Don't burn the bridge you must walk over!

II. HOW DO I LET GO OF THOSE WHO'VE HURT ME?

A. RELINQUISH MY RIGHT TO GET EVEN

Romans 12:19

Dear friends, never take revenge. Leave that to the righteous anger of God.

For the Scriptures say, "I will take revenge; I will pay them back," says the Lord.

Matthew 8:21-22

Then Peter came to him and asked, "Lord, how often should I forgive someone who sins against me? Seven times?"

B. REFOCUS ON GOD'S PURPOSE FOR MY LIFE

3 steps to refocusing your life:

- 1. "Put your heart right"**
- 2. "Reach out to God"**
- 3. "Face the world again!"**

C. RESPOND TO THE EVIL WITH GOOD

Romans 12:21

Don't let evil conquer you, but conquer evil by doing good.