

**“I” PROBLEMS**  
**Relational Repairs – Part 3**

**ON TV:** We were all raised in different ways in different families, but usually there is **one person in the family** who is nearly always **to blame**.

**ON TV:** When there’s relational conflict, there’s somebody to blame, **and it’s not us**.

**ON TV:** To get **back to** that person, rather than get **back at** that person.

**ON TV:**

**#1: Convince**

**#2: Convict**

**#3: Coerce**

**#4: Control**

**ON TV: #1:** *“I don’t even **care anymore**.”*

**ON TV: #2:** *“I already **tried**.”*

**ON TV:** The goal of relational repair is **no regret**.

**ON TV:** I’ve decided I’m going to **get back to, not get back at**.

**ON TV: #3:** *“It **wasn’t my fault** anyway.”*

**ON TV:** Working toward reconciliation **always begins with us regardless** of who initiated the conflict.

**ON TV/OUTLINE:** *“Why do you look at that **speck** of sawdust in their eye and don’t pay attention to the **plank** in your own eye?” Matthew 7:3*

**ON TV/OUTLINE:** *“How can you say to your brother, ‘Permit me to take the **speck** out of your eye...’” Matthew 7:4a*

**ON TV:** *“Allow me to **fix you**.”*

**ON TV/OUTLINE:** *“How can you say to your brother, ‘Permit me to take the **speck** out of your eye,’ when **all the time** there is a **plank** in your own eye?” Matthew 7:4*

**ON TV/OUTLINE:** *“You **hypocrite, first**, take the plank out of your own eye...” Matthew 7:5a*

**ON TV:** Heavenly Father, please show me where **I was at fault**.

**ON TV/OUTLINE:** *“...then you will **see clearly**.” Matthew 7:5b*

**ON TV:** First, take the plank out of your own eye and then **you will see clearly**.

**ON TV:** **Recognizing** and **owning** the plank in my eye **prepares me** to move towards you.

**ON TV:** Self-righteousness always gets in the way. **Self-awareness paves the way**.

**ON TV: #1:** I’ll get **back to** you, not get **back at** you.

**ON TV: #2:** **I will own my** slice of the **blame** pie.

**ON TV/OUTLINE:** *“If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, **be at peace with everyone**.” Romans 12:18*

**ON TV:** Reconciliation always begins in the **mirror**.

**ON TV:** **Humility draws** people; **self-righteousness pushes** people away.

**ON TV:** The **more aware I am aware** of what God has yet to do in me, **the less aware I am** and **the less consumed I am** with what He has yet to do in the people around me.

**ON TV/OUTLINE:** “28 Come to me, all of you who are **tired** and have **heavy loads**, and I will give you **rest**. 29 Take my yoke upon you, because I am **gentle** and **humble** in heart, and you will find **rest for your souls**.”  
*Matthew 11:28-29*

**ON TV/OUTLINE: #1:** Is it difficult for you to **admit you're wrong**? Why or Why not?

**ON TV/OUTLINE: #2:** What is the most difficult relationship you've ever had to repair and **what did you learn from that experience**?

**ON TV/OUTLINE: #3:** Would you commit to **memorizing Romans 12:18**? *'If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, be at peace with everyone.'*