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MESSAGE NOTES

Sunday, October 18

Introduction

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I Peter 4:1-11

Therefore, since Christ has suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same purpose, because he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin, ²so as to live the rest of the time in the flesh no longer for the lusts of men, but for the will of God. ³For the time already past is sufficient *for you* to have carried out the desire of the Gentiles, having pursued a course of sensuality, lusts, drunkenness, carousing, drinking parties and abominable idolatries. ⁴In *all* this, they are surprised that you do not run with *them* into the same excesses of dissipation, and they malign *you*; ⁵but they will give account to Him who is ready to judge the living and the dead. ⁶For the gospel has for this purpose been preached even to those who are dead, that though they are judged in the flesh as men, they may live in the spirit according to *the will of God*. ⁷The end of all things is near; therefore, be of sound judgment and sober *spirit* for the purpose of prayer. ⁸Above all, keep fervent in your love for one another, because love covers a multitude of sins. ⁹Be hospitable to one another without complaint. ¹⁰As each one has received a *special* gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. ¹¹Whoever speaks, *is to do so* as one who is speaking the utterances of God; whoever serves *is to do so* as one who is serving by the strength which God supplies; so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belongs the glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

So What?!

4 Keys for using personal hurts for personal growth

KEY #1. FORGIVE THE OFFENDER
 ...arm yourselves also with the same purpose...
 for the will of God. Vs. 1 & 3

3 REASONS YOU NEED TO FORGIVE:

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- A. Because God has forgiven you
- B. Because you'll need it in the future
- C. Because you can't heal until you forgive

KEY #2. FOCUS ON THE HEALER NOT THE HURT
...live the rest of the time in the flesh...for
the will of God. Vs. 2

KEY #3. FACE YOUR RESPONSIBILITY
For the time already past is sufficient *for you* to
have carried out the desire of the Gentiles Vs. 3

Key #4. FIND SUPPORTIVE RELATIONSHIPS

A. CONNECT WITH GOD
...therefore, be of sound judgment and
sober *spirit* for the purpose of prayer. Vs. 7

B. CONNECT WITH BELIEVERS
...keep fervent in your love for one another,
Vs. 8a

C. CONNECT WITH NON-BELIEVERS
Be hospitable to one another
without complaint. Vs. 9

D. CONNECT AS SERVANTS
As each one has received a *special gift*,
employ it in serving one another... Vs. 10a

GROUP DISCUSSION

I Peter 4:1-11, 10/18/2020, Pastor Ed Kemp

Prayer Requests:

Group Discussion: When you got to adulthood was there anything for which you had to forgive your parents?

Read: I Peter 4:1-11

4 Keys for using personal hurts for personal growth

KEY #1. FORGIVE THE OFFENDER ...arm yourselves also with the same purpose...for the will of God.

Vs. 1 & 3. Of the 3 reasons you need to forgive which one are you strongest in and in which are you needing improvement? A. Because God has forgiven you. B. Because you'll need it in the future. C. Because you can't heal until you forgive. Is there anything that you're currently hanging onto that you need to forgive? Take some time to pray for each other.

KEY #2. FOCUS ON THE HEALER NOT THE HURT...live the rest of the time in the flesh...for the will of God. Vs. 2. Is there an unforgiveness, resentment or bitterness in your life from which God has healed you? Do you know any verses of scripture that command us to focus on God's ability to change us? Look up: Isaiah 6:5-7, Galatians 5:1, Romans 7:25-8:1, Matthew 5:3- 16.

KEY #3. FACE YOUR RESPONSIBILITY, For the time already past is sufficient for you to have carried out the desire of the Gentiles Vs. 3 The desire of the gentiles is the desire to be totally self-centered and do whatever you want to do that is sinful and unhealthy. Peter says to be Christ-like and righteous in your behavior toward God and others. What responsibilities do you find easy to accept and accomplish and which ones are more difficult to get excited about?

Key #4. FIND SUPPORTIVE RELATIONSHIPS: CONNECT WITH GOD...therefore, be of sound judgment and sober spirit for the purpose of prayer. Vs. 7. CONNECT WITH BELIEVERS...keep fervent in your love for one another, Vs. 8a. CONNECT WITH NON-BELIEVERS, Be hospitable to one another without complaint. Vs. 9. CONNECT AS SERVANTS, As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another... Vs. 10a Again, in which are you strong and in which are you weakest?

Family time: I Peter 4:8 he says, Keep fervent in your love for one another... The word fervent means to stretch. Show your kids how helpful a rubber band can be as it stretches around some items to hold something together; a pony tail, a rolled up magazine or newspaper, crayons, etc. A stretchy ability to love people keeps them together in relationship.